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Man kicked cousin's head 'like a football'

A MAN who attacked a cousin, at one point kicking his head "like a football" four or five times, has been jailed for 15 months at Cardiff Crown Court.

The incident, said Judge Tom Crowther QC, started because of nothing more than a

CROWN COURT REPORT by AJ SICLUNA

trivial argument.

Nathan Cook (26) of Fairfield Avenue, Maesteg, pleaded guilty to wounding Rikki Cook.

Prosecutor David Pugh said the victim, aged 21, was a cousin of the defendant.

The pair were in a car park at Oakwood Estate,

Maesteg, on September 29. Both men had been drinking.

They began arguing and Cook punched his cousin on the nose. He fell to the ground and was kicked to the head four or five times.

Rikki Cook said: "He was kicking my head like a football."

A witness saw him curled up on the ground and thought he could have been kicked to death, said Mr Pugh.

The witness also said that Rikki Cook's head was pouring with blood and he also had mouth and eye injuries.

When arrested, the defendant was drunk, said Mr Pugh, and he claimed he had acted in self defence.

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SCHOOL'S 'OUTSTANDING PROGRESS'



Staff and pupils from Afon-y-Felin Primary School, together with BCBC's Deputy Leader, Coun Huw David, joined together to celebrate their impressive inspection report. SEE FULL STORY ON PAGE 4.

GEM report sparks support for blind cyclist's challenge

A BLIND man's bid to ride a tandem from Paris to Swansea is gathering pace – thanks to The GEM.

Keith Barrett, owner of guide dog Lena, was delighted to receive a call from quiz regulars at the Blacksmiths Arms in Llanmaes, who had read about his charity exploits in their favourite paper.

The pub invited Cornstown's Keith and Lena to its Wednesday quiz night, where organisers presented him with a cheque for £300 to Guide Dogs Cymru.

Keith, who has been blind since birth, will cycle 320 miles in four days with the help of Andy Harries, who is piloting the tandem.

The pair, both members of the

Ogmore Valley Wheelers cycling club, had to pay up-front entry fees of £800 each to cover flights and accommodation before they could start raising money for Guide Dogs Cymru.

Keith said: "Being blind means I've faced many challenges in my life, and this cycle ride is one of the biggest! Guide Dogs changed my life, and now it's time for me to give something back. We've been training hard and we're looking forward to the challenge."

Sue Jones, from the Blacksmiths Arms, said: "Someone saw the article about Keith and we decided to make a donation. People pay £1.50 each to enter our weekly quiz for fun prizes like chocolates."

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Keith Barrett and guide dog Lena with Sue Jones and Sian Ward from the Blacksmiths Arms.

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Schoolboy helps to raise Armed Forces Day flag

The flag is flown as a symbol of the county borough's thanks to local serving troops and veterans.



READERS' LETTERS

Roger will sort out Cardiff Airport

REGARDING Mr C Wilkins' support of Steph Bonner saying 'let's support Cardiff Airport' (GEM letters, June 18) I would like to stress as taxpayers we pay £500,000 per annum to provide a T-9 bus service which is underused.

Thankfully, Roger Lewis will take over soon and I have confidence that a man who has been so successful over the years will turn the business around. I have friends from Ireland, Scotland and west Wales who fly

from Bristol because it's cheaper. The owners of Cardiff Airport need to look at why this is the case and provide cheap car parking or other incentives for Welsh people to use our international airport.

Living in the Vale, I book two to three flights to Edinburgh but my friends' relatives use Bristol. If I was paying the subsidy for the T-9, I would have conducted a survey to see if it was cost efficient long before now. Don't we have anyone with business experience in the Welsh Government to sort this out prior to Roger's appointment?

Dai Griifths, Llantwit Major.

Glasgow flight was cancelled

I, TOO, was glad to hear more flights were going from Cardiff Airport (GEM letters last week).

We fly frequently, mainly from Bristol and being so close to Cardiff Airport always felt it was a shame you couldn't go anywhere from there.

A warning, though, to your enthusiastic readers - my wife and I booked one of the first Flybe flights to Glasgow for last week. We sat in the departure lounge for our 10.20am flight. Past midday, a message came over saying the flight was cancelled.

There was no other flight that day and many people who had planned

to see relatives, had business meetings or for leisure were left at a loss on what to do. We had no choice but to drive to Glasgow.

What sort of message does Flybe send when after only a few weeks of flying from Cardiff they cancel flights? They had no contingency plans and Flybe do not accept consequential losses, so if you paid in advance for car parking or needed hotels - tough.

We are now trying to recover our fares. I'm afraid our confidence is lost with Flybe and we shall return to Bristol and use Easyjet where we have never been let down.

Michael Lister, Ewenny.

OLDCASTLE Primary School pupil Joe Elliott has had the honour of raising Bridgend's Armed Forces Day flag ahead of a special parade which will march through the town on Saturday, June 27.

The flag is flown annually to show the local community's pride and appreciation of its serving troops and veterans. Schoolboy Joe was invited by Major Wayne Morgan to take part in the ceremony after he organised his school's Poppy Appeal last year, helping to raise more than £350.

Joe gave up every lunchtime and playtime for a week to run the school shop in aid of the appeal and even played 'The Last Post' on his trombone at the school's Armistice assembly.

Explaining why he felt so inspired to support the Poppy Appeal, 11-year-old Joe said: "It is important that young people are aware of and understand the work of the armed forces. I often feel that the work of the armed forces, past and present, goes unnoticed. They work hard protecting our country and the lives of people all over the world."

Joe and the Major joined veterans representing the Welsh Guards, Bridgend Veterans Association, Borneo and Malaya Veterans Association, Royal Welsh Regiment, Royal Naval Association and the Bridgend branch of the Royal British Legion for the flag raising event which was held in front of the council's civic offices on Angel Street earlier this week.

Also present were Coun Mel Nott OBE - the Leader of Bridgend



Joe Elliott from Oldcastle Primary School had the honour of raising the Armed Forces Day flag with Major Wayne Morgan.

County Borough Council (BCBC), Coun Richard Young - the Mayor of Bridgend - County Borough, Ogmere MP Huw Irranca-Davies, Bridgend MP Madeleine Moon and Ogmere AM Janice Gregory.

Council Leader Mel Nott OBE said: "I am delighted that we maintain the annual tradition of flying this flag as a visible symbol of our support and appreciation for our serving troops, their families, cadets and veterans."

The Mayor, Coun Richard Young added: "Every year we fly this flag to thank our Armed Forces family. It is a reminder of the sacrifices made by so many servicemen and women in order that we can live in a safer and fairer world. We are honoured by their dedication."

The Armed Forces flag will fly up to and during Saturday's Armed Forces Day, when a

special parade led by the South Wales Police Band will set off from Angel Street at 11:30am.

The parade will march through Queen Street and take the salute from the High Sheriff, Lord Lieutenant of Mid Glamorgan, and the Mayors of Bridgend Town Council and County Borough outside Barclays Bank on Dunraven Place. The parade will then form up at the front of the town's war memorial for a short service.

Following the parade, an afternoon concert featuring vocalists and the South Wales Police Band will be held in the Bridgend Life Centre (the former Recreation Centre). Tickets (£5) can be bought from Bridgend Town Council's offices in Carnegie House on Wyndham Street.

If you have any queries, call the town council on 01656 815757.

Man charged with Pencoed murder

A LOCAL man has appeared at Bridgend Magistrates' Court, accused of murder.

Mark Lewis Stephens, 43, appeared on Monday, June 22, accused of killing Rita Stephens 67.

Her body was discovered at a home in Tonteg, Pencoed.

Mr Stephens was accused of murder, and has also been charged

with making threats to kill. He was remanded in custody and will appear at Cardiff Crown Court in July.

Det Chf Insp Kath Pritchard of South Wales Police said: "This incident has brought shock and sadness to the local community in Pencoed, who I would like to thank for their support since this tragic incident."

Local MP joins the climate change lobby

BRIDGEND MP Madeleine Moon MP met several of her constituents at a climate change lobby in the Commons, organised by 'The Climate Coalition' ahead of a key conference in Paris in December.



Following the event, she said: "It was a great pleasure to meet my constituents Mike Perkins (pictured right) and Robert and Janet Samuel in the House of Commons to discuss our shared concern about climate change."

"Man-made climate change is a real and present danger to the entire human race. The devastating environmental and economic consequences affect all of us, regardless of nationality, race or class."

"It combines with a growing global population to put further pressure on our natural environment with serious implications for our food and water security."

"We want to see the Government

build warm, energy-efficient houses to tackle the dual problem of housing shortages and energy-inefficiency. We also demand a fully-funded plan for investing in renewable energy sources."

"I am deeply troubled by the Prime Minister's recent announcement that he intends to end subsidies on onshore wind projects."

"To make such an irresponsible decision as thousands of people descended on Westminster to lobby their MPs to tackle climate change, shows how out of touch the Conservative Government is on this issue."

AM not happy with council merger plan

REGIONAL Welsh Conservative AM Suzy Davies said that people viewing the proposals for local government re-organisation made by the Welsh Government could be forgiven for thinking that they are attempting to create large Labour voting blocs.

Mrs Davies said that plans to re-create the old Mid Glamorgan by merging Bridgend with Rhondda Cynon Taff and Merthyr Tydfil would result in a new authority which Labour believed it could control.

The same applies to their plans to create one huge authority in Gwent, and also to re-create West Glamorgan by merging Swansea with Neath Port Talbot.

Mrs Davies said that while most people would be in favour of having fewer councils, many would oppose attempts to carry out forced mergers.

She went on: "It is important that demand for change should come from the communities first so that voluntary mergers can go ahead."

"The bottom line for me is how will services

improve as a result of any changes? And the credible answer to that is that changes must be driven locally. How these mergers look needs to come from the communities involved."

"I do not believe that we need to keep a large number of councils, just so they can be 'local', but there has to be a

point where we reach the best balance between the three goals of delivery, accountability and affordability."

"We need to decide who does what at which level of government and where the responsibilities of the communities themselves fit into this bigger picture."

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL JULY 2)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 - 25 minutes later.

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27 Sat	02.55	7.7	15.38	7.7
28 Sun	03.59	7.9	16.36	8.1
29 Mon	04.57	8.3	17.24	8.6
30 Tues	05.48	8.7	18.12	9.1
01 Wed	06.33	9.2	18.57	9.5
02 Thur	07.17	9.6	19.39	9.8

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MP champions Arthritis UK



Huw Irranca-Davies MP with chief executive of Arthritis Research UK Dr Liam O'Toole at the Arthritis Research UK Parliamentary reception.

OGMORE MP Huw Irranca-Davies has pledged to continue the fight alongside Arthritis Research UK for the thousands of local people in his constituency living with the pain of arthritis every day.

Before the election, he joined forces with the charity to support its 'Prevent, Transform, Cure' manifesto, and was the first Member of Parliament to become an 'Arthritis Champion'.

The manifesto called for an end to the myth that nothing can be done for people with arthritis. As an Arthritis Champion, the MP has pledged to campaign to make musculoskeletal conditions a public health priority and ensure that people with arthritis get high-quality care at the time that they need it.

He said: "I'm proud to be an Arthritis Champion for the thousands of local people living with the pain of arthritis. We need to put the issues that people with arthritis face at the forefront of the new Parliament's agenda, and work to transform services for the better."

"I've learnt more about the vital work of Arthritis Research UK and heard first-hand about some of the challenges people living with the condition face daily."

"I'm committed to making a difference in my first 100 days in Parliament and beyond. Together we can fight this debilitating condition that has such a huge impact on all aspects of people's lives in Ogmore."

Visit www.arthritisresearchuk.org/voice or email action@arthritisresearchuk.org.

CARDIFF CROWN COURT ROUND-UP by AJ SICLUNA

Afghan veteran stole money from Porthcawl woman

A VETERAN of the Afghan war, who had problems adapting to civilian life after being medically discharged, has been jailed for 12 months, the sentence suspended for two years, at Cardiff Crown Court.

Michael Rees (25) of Griffin Park Court, Porthcawl, admitted charges of theft, wounding and assault.

Judge David Wynn Morgan told him: "I'm satisfied that you are very ashamed of yourself. This was a crisis in your life over which you had no control."

Prosecutor Byron Broadstock said that Rees had formed a relationship with a woman licensee of The Buccaneer pub, Porthcawl. Mr Broadstock claimed that Rees had stolen £1,050 in takings and £200 from the licensee.

Mr Broadstock said he had been seen rifling in her bag.

He later telephoned her and said he was going to burn the money. The following day, he handed over £110.

When arrested, he denied stealing any of the takings.

Man jailed for burglary

A PONTYCYMMER man has been jailed for two and a half years at Cardiff Crown Court for offences of burglary and handling stolen goods.

Marc Farrow (49) of Oxford Street, refused to leave his cell in Cardiff Prison to come to court and was sentenced in his absence.

Prosecutor Robert Ace said Farrow was involved in burgling a factory making confectionery, on the Kenfig Industrial Estate.

Tools and equipment were taken worth £20,000 and damage of over £5,000 was caused.

Farrow was identified by means of CCTV.

Mr Ace said that a house in Nottage Road, Porthcawl, was burgled in September and Farrow came into possession of a drum set that had been taken. Blood on a cymbal later matched that of the defendant.

His counsel, David Sedgewick, said he had an unenviable record for dishonesty and asked that he be given credit for a guilty plea.

The court heard that he had previous convictions for burglary and had received five years, four months for aggravated burglary.

Man guilty of blackmail

BECAUSE he believed a man owed his son more than £2,500 in wage arrears, a sign writer blackmailed him, Cardiff Crown Court has heard.

Barrie James (51) of Broadlands, Bridgend, told the victim: "I want it paid. I don't care if you pay it in instalments, and I don't want the police involved."

"I have people who can break your legs and sort things out."

James, described as hardworking and a highly respected member of the community, admitted charges of blackmail and assault.

He was jailed for five months but because he has been in custody since January 22, he was released immediately.

Prosecutor Michael

Jones said the two men concerned had known each other for some years and James believed the other man owed his son £2,596.

James went to the man's home and struck him on the forearm with an implement.

He made threats and insisted the money be paid.

Later, said Mr Jones, the victim paid over the money by means of a bank transfer, but before that, he had offered to repay it at £1 per week.

On January 23, James was arrested, accepted he went to the house, but denied forcing entry.

Judge Tom Crowther said: "The complainant didn't want to involve the police. I accept there was a grievance. You are a hardworking man and well regarded in the community."

On December 20 while on bail, he became drunk and was seen in a fast food outlet.

Two police officers approached him, and he became aggressive. He struggled and tried to headbutt one, but was put in a headlock and taken to the floor.

One of the officers suffered a head wound after his head hit a table, and another officer suffered a knee injury.

Later, Rees denied doing anything wrong.

His counsel, Ieuan Bennett, said he joined the Army at 16, saw action in Afghanistan and later was medically discharged, after which he encountered problems adapting to civilian life and began drinking far too much.

He said that Rees believed he'd returned to the licensee all the money.

Mr Bennett pointed out he had been in custody for six months and intended to live with his mother and sister.

"He is a young man who needs support, and his relationship with an older woman was not a suitable one."

The Judge said the theft of money was a breach of trust and when the officers were restraining him, they were only doing their duty.

He added: "You are entitled to a degree of help from this court, and you have already served the equivalent of a 12-month sentence."

The Judge also ordered that he receive supervision for two years and made a restraining order preventing him from having contact with Paulette Russell.

Maesteg 'dream team' are up for an award

THE 'Thursday Dream Team' from Maesteg, has been shortlisted for a volunteer award by Tenovus Cancer Care.

The awards, which will be hosted by ITV Wales news presenter Carl Edwards, recognise the contribution of volunteers to Tenovus Cancer Care, and the difference they make to the lives of cancer patients and their loved ones. The charity has almost 2,000 volunteers across the country.

There are five award categories, based on the values of Tenovus Cancer Care: Creative, Respectful, Bold, Supportive and Inspiring. There are also Young Volunteer and Volunteer of the Year categories.

The 'Thursday Dream Team', retail assistants from the charity's Maesteg shop, has been shortlisted for the Supportive Award. The group, consisting of Cherril Jones, Sandra Evans, Leighanne Hurley, Carol Eilas, Maggie Franks and Ann Lucas, have been

nominated for their hard work and dedication to their roles. They plough through the stock, making sure the shop floor is always full and at its best and their customer service is second to none.

Katie Taylor, volunteer development manager at Tenovus Cancer Care, said: "They're a great supportive team for each other, other volunteers, management and customers alike. Our awards celebrate the amazing work being done day in, day out by people like the 'Dream Team' across the country. It's our way of saying thank you for all their hard work; we simply couldn't help as many cancer patients and their loved ones without the support of our volunteers."

If you or someone you love has been affected by cancer, Tenovus Cancer Care can offer help and support. To find out more call the Tenovus Cancer Care free Support Line on 0800 808 1010 or visit tenovuscancercare.org.uk.

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Hospital ward takes dementia patients down memory lane



(L-R) Donella Davies with a dementia apron, Leanne Adamson with a jewellery box and Sara Ralston with some of the twiddle muffs.

DONATIONS from well-wishers are helping to keep patients with dementia active and stimulated while they are in Princess of Wales Hospital.

They are able to take a walk down memory lane, as the main corridor of Ward 18 has been transformed into a gallery of music and movie stars from yesteryear.

A similar picture gallery showing members of the royal family is proving particularly popular.

There are benches located along the corridor so patients can sit and chat to staff about their memories whenever they want to.

The ward lounge also doubles as an activity centre, with plenty of games and other activities to keep patients busy – courtesy of donations from community groups, relatives and staff.

Ward 18 has 25 beds for medical patients, with 12 of those beds for people who also have dementia.

Ward sister Donella Davies said: "Once they are here we prefer them not to stay in bed.

We're a rehabilitation ward and we like to get them up, and to get them enjoying themselves doing activities."

Activities include a weekly afternoon tea party, church service, reading aloud sessions, group physiotherapy sessions, bingo, movies, jigsaw puzzles, crosswords and entertainment.

Knitting Nanas of Pontcymmer and Newton Institute Knit 'n Stitch made and donated twiddle muffs.

Donella said: "They are used by patients who have the more advanced dementia. They have textures and shapes and designs, which the patients can feel."

"These patients may not be able to do a

jigsaw puzzle, for example, they may only have the ability to be able to stroke and feel different textures. We're very grateful for the donations."

Ward manager Sara Ralston's daughter Lauren has made dementia aprons, again for patients with more advanced dementia. Donella said: "Patients can wear them when they are sitting down."

"There are different textures, ribbons and zips and little mirrors. We're very proud of these."

Castle Bingo donated six floor board games, while Ward 18 healthcare support worker Leanne Adamson and daughter Bethan have created hand-decorated jewellery boxes.

Patients' relatives contributed jewellery for the boxes, along with hats, bags and scarves.

Leanne, one of the ward's dementia champions, said: "The ladies love going through them. Their eyes light up every time they see the different coloured stones."

"For the gentlemen we hope to get boxes that resemble toolboxes with things in there that they recognise and would enjoy going through."

The ward is also collecting old photographs of familiar buildings from Bridgend and surrounding areas.

The ward is appealing for donations of haberdashery – such as wool, fabric and buttons – as well as jewellery and other trinkets.

If you can help, please email: donella.davies@wales.nhs.uk.

You can watch a video about the Ward 18 activities programme here:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=jm686yvxLY.



Afon-y-Felin's interim executive headteacher Nicola Williams with pupils who are members of the school council.

Inspectors are pleased with progress at school

OUTSTANDING progress has been made at Afon-y-Felin Primary School since the school received its last full inspection report in October 2013, a spokesman for Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) has reported.

Estyn inspectors who visited just over 18 months ago had made five recommendations for areas that needed attention, but when they re-visited in May, they were very pleased with what they saw.

Either 'very good' or 'strong' progress has been made to address those five key recommendations, and as a result the school is no longer under Estyn monitoring.

Nicola Williams, interim executive headteacher, said: "I would like to thank all pupils, staff, governors and parents who have supported the school during this time. This is a tremendous achievement and an enormous accolade for the school. Pupils' aspirations and achievements have all been raised."

Welcoming the news, COUN Huw David, BCBC's Deputy Leader, said: "Anyone who visits Afon-y-Felin can see that the children are thriving and happy thanks to a

dedicated team of staff who have worked tirelessly to achieve so much progress."

The previous full inspection report had found the performance of the school to be 'adequate', while the school's prospects for improvement were also deemed as being 'adequate'.

COUN David added: "As when any school receives a disappointing inspection, the recommendations that have been made by Estyn are taken on board, and the necessary support is given to the school to help it improve. As a result of everyone's efforts the school is going from strength to strength and has a very bright future."

The spokesman added: "The school now aims to maintain that momentum, and their ambitions could be furthered by a potential federation with Cefn Cribwr Primary School.

The two schools have been working closely and successfully together for the last year and believe the time is right to make their arrangement stronger.

"Federation wouldn't mean the two schools merging – they'd still be separate with their own names, uniforms, catchment areas and characters, but expertise across the two schools would be shared to ensure the best for all children."

"In practical terms, federation would mean the schools sharing a single governing body and a shared headteacher and, over time, they would work towards a shared leadership team too."

"Parents and pupils responded favourably to a recent consultation over the proposals, and will be kept fully informed about developments."

Busy times at Coity WI

PRESIDENT Lyn Griffiths opened the June meeting of Coity WI with a very full agenda.

New minutes secretary Rita Prior was introduced, and the activities of the last month reported.

Successful events included the trip to Jersey Boys at Bristol, Terri's pottery class, reportedly hilarious – we look forward to seeing the finished items, currently awaiting firing in Terri's kiln – and the walking group finally had a dry day to make their walk from Wigfach to Pietro's.

Dulcie Davis gave a

very interesting account of her visit to the Albert Hall, where the WI Centenary AGM was visited by The Queen, accompanied by Princess Ann and Sophie, Countess of Wessex.

The speakers for the day were three inspirational women: Lucy Worsley, historian and curator, Baroness Tanni Grey-Thompson and business woman Helena Morrissey CBE.

Our own speaker at Coity was Polly Davies, a gifted American lady who was brought up in California, where she met her Welsh husband. Polly's talk on 'The 4th of July' was incredibly

comprehensive. Her account of the move for independence was illuminating, with fascinating detail shared with wit and insight.

The talk was illustrated with a mini-exhibition of her own creation, which included copies of important documents such as the Declaration of Independence and The Bill of Rights, the development of the Stars and Stripes from its inception, flowers of the States and various related items.

The enthusiastic applause at the end of her talk reflected the appreciation of the audience.

Our programme for the next month includes Coity Fete on July 4, a garden party at Margam on July 8, and a craft class at Gilead Hall on July 9. Craft and Natter, the spin-off meeting, will be held at the home of Anne Haddrill.

The next meeting of Coity WI will be held at Gilead Church Hall at 7pm on July 16, when the subject will be 'The History of Chocolate'.

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DOGS TRUST Bridgend urges dog walkers to get involved in the local 'Man v Horse' event at St Brides Major, an annual charity fundraising event which will raise money for the cause.

Over 100 runners and riders will take place in the charity race over five miles of the picturesque landscape which takes in views of Castle upon Alun and Ogmere by Sea on Saturday, June 27.

Dog owners are able to take part by following the runners and horses along the route at the



event, which will raise money for Dogs Trust and the Society for the Welfare of Horses and Ponies.

Fancy dress is optional and there are prizes for the best-dressed. This is a fun race, so there is a prize for the loser as well as a prize for the winner of the event.

The event, which is in its sixth year, requires a

minimum of £10 sponsorship. Sponsorship forms and a map of the route are provided and all sponsorship money must be handed in on the day of the race.

A Dogs Trust Bridgend supporter relations officer commented: "The event will be a fantastic day out for two- and four-legged participants alike. We are so grateful to Groes Farm stables as every pound raised is vital to Dogs Trust Bridgend and will go towards helping us care for the thousands of dogs we take in each year while they await loving homes of their own."

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Madeleine Moon MP with Corneli reception class pupils (and the Hungry Caterpillar!).

LOCAL MP TELLS PUPILS 'I want to tell you a story'

THERE are many tasks and responsibilities to be faced by an MP, and some bring more pleasure than others, says Bridgend MP Madeleine Moon.

Mrs Moon undertook one of her favourite activities when invited to visit Corneli reception class to read to the children.

The book chosen was *The Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle and Mrs Moon took a different

Welsh interpretation to the telling of the story.

She said: "I had to hide in the receptionist office while Mrs Jones encouraged the children to call out for a story-teller.

"I had a special red story-teller chair and had brought with me some props to help tell the story. I had a small hungry caterpillar toy to start the story.

"When the caterpillar eats so much and grows fat I pulled out a large green dragon, who went into a cocoon of a black sack.

"When the caterpillar emerged as a butterfly I had a large blow up butterfly balloon hidden behind the chair in a matching black sack as a final surprise for the children.

"There was a buzz in the classroom as parents and children took on tasks after the story to cut out and make their own butterfly. Mrs Jones said that attendance at the story time was growing and the children loved having their parents or grandparents enjoying the story and tasks together."

Who wants to build what and where in the borough?

Mrs Linda Clarke – 70 **Rushfield Gardens, Bridgend** – Fell two cherry trees, fell one alder tree and reshape one oak tree with 30 % crown reduction – (1989) OBC No 24. BCBC Regeneration Department – **Bridgend Market, Rhiw Shopping Centre, Rhiw Hill, Bridgend** – Two new signs for Rhiw shopping centre and market.

Mrs H Garratt – **Rear of 24 Wild Field (Cae Gwyllt), Broadlands, Bridgend** – Remove lowest limb of two sycamore trees that overhang garage and shed.

St Clare's School – **St Clare's School, Newton, Porthcawl** – Works to two sycamore trees: remove three

metres off top, two metres off any lateral growth into garden, crown raise to two metres above fence. Cornerstone Construction – **land adjacent 13 Heol Tree Dwr, Waterton, Bridgend** – Extend consent P/10/836/FUL (four bed detached property and children's play area) for a further five years.

Mr G Mitchell – 19 **Coed Caer Odin, Cefn Glas, Bridgend** – Replacement garage to side with first floor extension above. Energy Containment UK Ltd – **Plot 10, Penllwyngwent Ind Estate, Ogmere Vale** – Siting of storage containers, skip and recycling machine to turn waste into blocks

to be sent back to manufacturers. Mr Ken Griffiths – 86 **The Woodlands, Brackla, Bridgend** – Two storey extension to side of dwelling to include relocation of existing conservatory. Bad Bikes – **Land situated between community route and sheepmarket car park, Blackmill** – portakabin for educational and interpretive purposes for people engaging in outdoor pursuits. Mr L Greenhall – 38 **Georgian Way, Brackla, Bridgend** – Two storey side extension and additional single storey to rear. Miss C Lane – 9 **Caldy Close, Porthcawl** – amendments to planning consent P/14/74/FUL to include ground floor

extension. Bos Leisure – Bos Leisure, 12 **Marshfield Avenue, Pyle** – Extension to showroom for display of swimming pools, saunas, spa and steam rooms. JRT, Mardar (Stevenage) Ltd – **Land at Parc Ewenni, Ewenny Industrial Estate, Bridgend** – construction of up to 240 residential units, 1,123sqm of A1/A2/A3/D1/D2 development, public open space and highway works. Mr R Lougher – **Ty Tanglwst Farm – Heol Y-Sheet, Stormy Down** – Install and operate a 76m high 500kw wind turbine and access track – affecting Footpath 62 Cornelly. Mr Adrian Jones – **Land adjacent to Moira Terrace, Ogmere Vale** – Proposed three bed dormer bungalow. Mr Robert Hyde – 24 **Glebeland Close, Coychurch, Bridgend** – Two single storey extensions.

CLASSIC CAR OWNERS HELP THE SANDVILLE

RIGHT: Bridgend Mayor, Coun Richard Young, and Mrs Young, join Bridgend MGOC deputy chairman, Gareth Lewis to formally start the Cwm to Coast Charity Car Run.

THE Bridgend MG Owners' Club recently staged its 'Cwm to Coast' classic car run.

The run, which was organised to raise funds for the Sandville Self Help Centre in Ton Kenfig, attracted a record-breaking number of classic car enthusiasts from across the UK.

The new Bridgend county borough Mayor, Coun Richard Young, welcomed entrants to the borough and helped flag off the cars at the start of the run, from the Waterton Centre in Bridgend.



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Council make plans to close public toilets

PLANS to close some public toilets in Bridgend county borough, and change the way a number of others are run, have been approved.

At a meeting, the BCBC cabinet resolved to keep open "public conveniences in areas with the greatest footfall, such as Porthcawl, Maesteg and Bridgend, to ensure that the council continues to meet its responsibilities."

Among those to close are the Rhiw Hill toilets (following a

survey which found them to be low lying, damp and subject to flooding, with poor accessibility and no disabled facilities), the Derwen Road facilities in Bridgend town centre, and basement toilets below Grand Pavilion, Porthcawl – only accessible by steep steps.

Other plans approved included keeping the toilets at Griffin Park in Porthcawl open; continuing to operate Rest Bay toilets under current arrangements, with a view to seeking greater town council involvement in the

longer term; exploring plans to give Kenfig National Nature Reserve staff and/or the local community council responsibility for the toilets, to avoid closure; inviting Ogmere Vale Community Council to take over responsibility for the toilets at Pricetown Square and Blackmill Square to avoid closure; closing the public conveniences in Maesteg town centre bus station on Sundays; closing toilets at Pandry Road, Aberkenfig, but inviting Newcastle Higher Community Council to take over the

running of the toilets if they wish provision to continue; and setting up a local 'comfort' scheme to support a small number of sites where the provision of a toilet facility would be beneficial.

A public consultation held earlier this year found that 96 per cent of respondents wanted disabled access at all public toilets in Bridgend county borough.

In Bridgend itself, the highest level of support was for the toilets at the Bus Station and Cheapside, with the facilities at Rhiw Hill and Derwen Road receiving less support.

In Porthcawl, the highest level of support was for the toilets at John Street and Griffin Park, with the Pavilion basement toilets receiving the least support.

For out-of-town conveniences, Rest Bay received the highest level of support with the facilities at Kenfig Nature Reserve in second place. Pricetown and Blackmill received the lowest levels of support.

Local Sainsbury's store are the Royal British Legion champs!



Sainsbury's Bridgend celebrate winning the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2014 trophy.

Residents entertained on open day



THE Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2014 trophy winners are Sainsbury's Bridgend with a grand total £11,631.56.

The trophy was presented in store on Thursday, June 4 by Andy Reekie to the manager Darren Cooper, attended by deputy store manager Darren Jenkins, Coun Gary Thomas (past Mayor 2014/2015) and PR ambassador Jacqueline Thomas.

The Poppy volunteers were Mr Allan Rees, Mr Allan Clift, Mrs Val Seward, Mr David Goddell, Mr Andy Reekie and Mr Ted Williams.

Jacqueline Thomas would like to thank all customers for all their kind donations and also to the Royal British Legion volunteers.

The Royal British Legion Bridgend branches in total raised £47,282.75.

MP speaks up for the bees



Madeleine Moon MP is raising awareness of the threat to Britain's bees.

FOLLOWING a threat of extinction, "Bees play a central role in Britain's agricultural economy and food system. Without free pollination from bees, farmers would have to meet the costs themselves. This would hike up food prices at a time when many thousands of families are dependent on foodbanks and hand-outs."

"We can all do our bit to save the bee from decline and extinction. I take great pleasure and pride in the small wild-flower meadow that I have left unmown in the garden. "I would encourage everybody with a garden in Bridgend to create a bee-friendly environment. Not only will it provide a beautiful sight in early summer, it will also help to tackle a serious environmental and economic problem."

Orchestra's concert celebrates 4th of July

FOLLOWING its acclaimed performance at the Porthcawl Jazz Festival, the Rhondda Symphony Orchestra returns to Porthcawl on July 4 with a classical concert that marks the anniversary of American Independence.

The centre-piece of the programme, Dvorak's *New World Symphony*, was composed while Dvorak was living in New York in 1893. It's inspired by American music, yet set within a classic symphonic structure.

The symphony is paired with Copland's *Appalachian Spring*, a

ballet suite premiered in Washington DC in 1944. Eight short scenes celebrate the intrepid adventures of a group of American pioneers, through some wholly American themes – from wide-open spaces, rodeos and Christian dedication to freedom, dance, joy, fear and wonder.

The concert also features Bruch's *Romance for Viola and Orchestra* with soloist George Thomas, former leader of the RSO.

This lively American extravaganza takes place on Saturday, July 4, at All Saints Church, Porthcawl, 7.30pm. Tickets are £10 (under-18s free) at the door or telephone 01443 650412.

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NATIONAL Care Home Open day was hosted at RMBI Albert Edward, Porthcawl.

Rebecca Timms of RMBI Albert Edward said: "We started the morning off with John Davies singing for the residents in the garden. Residents wrapped up warm as despite the sun there was a small breeze. John had no problem playing outdoors after many years of living in Spain.

Claire Evans joined us to sing opera and this was followed by afternoon tea. We all enjoyed the fantastic cakes baked by our kitchen staff.

"The residents had a great day and it was so nice to see so many new faces. Don't forget to join us for our next fundraiser for Marie Curie Cancer Care on Saturday, July 11, at 3pm when Porthcawl Male Voice Choir will be singing. There is free entry, with donations gratefully received."

'WE NEED NATIONAL SCREENING NOW!' Courage of Vale mother who is battling against ovarian cancer

A Barry woman who has ovarian cancer has called for a national screening programme to save people the anguish of a late diagnosis.

Doctors first thought that Lesley Brown, aged 46, a mum of two, was suffering from a water infection when she complained of pains down her side.

"In October, 2013, I went to the doctor because I had abdominal pain down the left hand side.

"The pain was bad. I'd gone off my food, was pale and bloated. I was treated with antibiotics and co-damolol.

"In late October of that year I was sent in to hospital with what I thought was another water infection.

"In February last year, I then had a CA125 test and it was through the roof."

A CA125 blood test is a simple means of diagnosing ovarian cancer. In Wales, 390 women each year receive the devastating news that they have ovarian cancer, and 233 lose their lives.

At one stage Lesley, was going to be treated for

'diverticulitis'.

A scan revealed an 'abdominal mass' and the blood test reading was "600 plus".

At the time, Lesley and her family were unsure as to how serious a threat to her health it would be.

Her sister Alison, who has been a great support throughout, said: "I think at the time we wondered if it was non-malignant – it hadn't been described as dangerous."

An oncologist explained the serious nature of what was happening, and an operation took place in March 2014.

Alison explained: "We were told Lesley was at 'stage 3'. We were told they couldn't remove all the mass, 15 per cent had to be left because it was close to the liver.

Lesley's ovaries, womb and omentum were removed.

"I then had six lots of chemotherapy over a period of eight and a half hours."

She went bald, but dispensed with the wig because it was too itchy!

But Lesley has an indomitable spirit and made a

critical decision to remain positive.

"I walked a lot – you can decide to stay in bed, or get up and be happy and smiley."

Lesley, who has worked with children as a play ranger and learning support assistant, successfully fought with the help of local politicians, to get Avastin, a drug that can extend the lives of women with ovarian cancer.

Despite her own worries, she held a fundraiser for Velindre Hospital at Sea View Labour Club. It raised £7,200.

Her CA125 test has been rising and Alison said: "It shows the importance of screening. If there had been screening, Lesley would not have this threat hanging over her."

A 'CA125 blood test' is a 'tumour marker' and provides a strong indication of cancer. It means a GP can refer a woman to a gynaecologist who will then carry out a vaginal scan.

Lesley has also had a 'brca' gene test for ovarian cancer which may help family members in the future.

There is a local 'coffee morning' support group at the Cophorne Hotel for women with ovarian cancer. It is on the last Wednesday of the month from 11am to 1pm. (Further information available at The GEM).

Lesley's courage shines through and she lives life to the full. The apple of her eye is seven-and-a-half months-old granddaughter Edie and she loves spending precious time with her.

by TIM CHAPMAN



ABOVE:
Lesley (left) with her sister Alison who is a tremendous support to her.

Travellers stopped play! Cricket abandoned in Dinas – as caravans roll on to playing fields

TRAVELLERS moved their caravans on to Bryn y Don playing fields in Dinas Powys last Thursday, June 18, causing disruption for people who wanted to play sport and use the skate park.

The GEM understands they are from Marseilles.

Vale MP Alun Cairns called on the Vale Council to ensure that local facilities are available for use.

He visited the site and spoke to people in Dinas Powys who were concerned about the developing situation.

Dinas Powys Cricket Club captain Nathan Piddock told Mr Cairns the club was unable to complete a home fixture due to the disruption.

Mr Cairns said other local sports teams, including Dinas Powys Football Club, have been unable to complete training sessions on the site due to the presence of human excrement and used toilet paper strewn

by GEM REPORTER



ABOVE: Dinas Powys Cricket Club captain Nathan Piddock told Vale MP Alun Cairns that a fixture had to be cancelled due to the arrival of travellers.

across the fields.

Mr Cairns said: "Local residents are right to be concerned about what is happening to an area that is so well used for sport, dog walking and for the enjoyment of the community."

"I have called on local authority leader Coun Neil Moore to give absolute clarity as to what action the Vale Council proposes to take that will see the return of the fields to local residents in days not weeks."

"The encampment is causing significant

disruption and mess. It is completely unacceptable for local people to have to contend with human excrement when simply trying to play sport or walking their dog."

"I want this sorted, the local council must act decisively and swiftly deliver a positive outcome for the people of Dinas Powys."

Local Plaid Cymru councillors expressed outrage that an unlawful travellers' camp had been set up at the sports ground.

Coun Chris Franks said: "We have told the Vale Council that we expect immediate action to remove the caravans. "Sports activities are being disrupted. We do not expect the Vale Council to drag their feet."

"The latest information I have received is that late Friday last week, a detailed report was presented to the Vale."

"This was considered on Tuesday by legal

representatives, the police, parks staff and environmental health.

I'm told that all options were considered including legal action.

"A Vale officer will be attending the site and serving a notice of intention on the travellers, indicating that if they do not leave site by 12 noon this Thursday, June 25, the council will be taking court action to regain possession of the land."

Coun Franks added:

"This is not a piece of waste land but a well-used football pitch. It is outrageous that public facilities are being occupied in this way."

The director of visible and housing services at the Vale Council, Miles Punter, confirmed steps were being taken to remove the travellers.

"The parks division is in the process of taking the correct legal action to end the unauthorised occupation of the land."

"A multi-agency case conference will be taking place this week, at which officers will consider and discuss the Gypsy and Traveller Wales site visit report."

"These discussions and any resulting actions will further inform the council's response in this matter."

Coffee morning for Nepal

A COFFEE morning for the people of Nepal is being held at Ffynnon Wen, St Hilary on Friday, June 26 (10am – midday) to raise funds for the Brick Children School in Nepal.

In the event of rain, it will take place in St Hilary Village Hall. Everyone is welcome. To make a donation visit the Brick Children School website.

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LOCAL QUARRY HOSTS WATER SAFETY LAUNCH

A LOCAL quarry hosted the launch of a campaign to raise awareness of dangers of swimming in quarry lakes, following 15 water-related fatalities in quarry lakes over the last two years.

The campaign is timed to support National Drowning Prevention Week, a campaign run by the Royal Life Saving Society (RLSS UK).

Lafarge Tarmac Ltd at St Mary Hill, Bridgend was the venue.

Quarry operators across Wales have joined forces with the Chief Fire Officers Association (CFOA), the Royal Life Saving Society UK (RLSS UK) and the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) to warn people of the dangers of swimming in open water in quarry lakes, rivers, reservoirs and canals.

The campaigns – which will run throughout the year – promote drowning prevention and water safety messages. In particular, the quarry operators' campaign encourages people to share information about cold water shock using the slogan 'Tell a friend. Save a friend.'

The quarry campaign, run by the Mineral Products Association (MPA), places particular emphasis on the impact that immersion in cold water can have on the body and how it can dramatically affect even a strong swimmer's abilities.

The body's involuntary reflexes – inhalation of water, hyperventilating, rapidly increased heart rate and tiring muscles – can easily result in drowning.

Cold Water Shock can occur at 15C or below, well above the temperature of the water in many quarry lakes even in mid-summer.

The campaign also highlights other potential hazards that may exist, including concealed obstacles beneath the surface that can injure or entangle swimmers, very deep water, unexpected currents and pumps, unstable edges making it easy to fall in and difficult to exit, pollution and high alkalinity.

Steve Harris, the father of 18-year-old Jay Harris who died of heart failure following a fall into the cold water of a quarry lake, is supporting the campaign. He said: "I do not want anyone else to have to suffer the devastating loss that my family have experienced."

"Jay did not appreciate the risks that he was exposing himself to. If he had, he may still have been with us today. I urge everyone to share these safety messages with their loved ones."

Steve features in a video launched as part of the RLSS UK Drowning Prevention Week that highlights the stories of the parents of children who have drowned, to help promote these vital safety messages.

Nigel Jackson, the chief executive of the mineral products association (MPA), the main association for the UK quarry operators, said: "Tragically, 15 people have died in quarry lakes over the last two years, the majority of whom have been young men engaged in activities they perceived to be harmless fun."

"These sites were typically disused quarries, often not in the ownership or control of the industry. We are working with key stakeholders as part of a national drowning prevention strategy, to help people to better understand why plunging into the cold water of a quarry lake or reservoir is very different from a swimming pool, or other types of supervised swimming locations."

"We want these dreadful tragedies to be avoided and believe the best way to do this is by making sure as many people as possible share these water safety messages – Tell a friend. Save a friend."

Di Steer, the chief executive of RLSS UK, said: "We welcome the involvement of organisations like the MPA in Drowning Prevention Week. With warmer weather and school holidays, we are keen to ensure that members of the public better understand these potential hazards."

"Taking part in leisure activities, both in and around water, is great fun. Drowning Prevention Week is not about stopping

people enjoying this, but simply about raising awareness of potential risks and encouraging them to stay safe by using designated, lifeguarded, swimming sites."

"Please watch and share our film and help to save lives."

The effects of cold water shock are responsible for many of the drownings which occur in the UK every year. Cold water shock affects our ability to swim and self-rescue.

Signs of cold water shock

1. Initial Immersion Responses – Cold Shock Response (0 – 3 mins): Immediately after immersion in cold water, rapid cooling of the skin causes a number of instinctive reactions, including gasping, hyperventilation, restriction of blood flows and panic.

2. Short term responses – loss of performance (3 – 30mins): Following the cold shock response, the hands, feet, arms and legs start to cool and blood flow continues to be restricted. This causes a decrease in muscle strength and endurance, leading to muscle fatigue and reduced control over body movements. If the casualty is unable to get out of the water or use a buoyancy aid, this will ultimately result in drowning.

3. Long term responses – hypothermia (30 mins+): Over time, the amount of heat lost continues causing the core body temperature to begin to drop, leading to hypothermia.

Even Olympic swimmers can be affected in the cold water, as shown in a YouTube video from Professor Michael Tipton www.youtube.com/watch?v=_96YEPAdA2Y.

More information is available at: MPA Stay Safe video playlist on YouTube: www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLXu4cRX3643c-isXP1H3NDjDQIKWF5g; MPA Stay Safe... Stay Out of Quarries Facebook: www.facebook.com/StaySafeStayOutOfQuarries; and via the Royal Life Saving Society UK: www.rlss.org.uk.

Woman dies after rockfall at beach

THE young woman who was killed by a rockfall at Llantwit Major Beach on Thursday, June 18, has been named as 23-year-old Georgie Ford.

She was from Wiltshire but she and her boyfriend had moved to Llantwit Major a year ago.

She was sharing strawberries with one of her best friends when a large boulder plunged 20ft from a cliff-face to hit her head.

Her heartbroken boyfriend Paul Biggs, 24, said: "Georgie loved being by the sea. But she was just in the wrong place at the wrong time. She was gone in an instant."

Georgie and close friend Martha Ormerod, 25, decided to celebrate the end of exams by going clothes shopping, walking to the beach and having the seaside picnic.

Paul said: "They were sitting about 18 feet away from the cliff. We've been there many times and never thought being there would be dangerous."

"But then one large rock fell followed by some smaller rocks. Martha turned around and suddenly saw the blood on Georgie."

"She did everything she could to save her by giving CPR before the paramedics arrived. But the paramedics told her there was no hope. "Martha has been in a state of shock but she has managed to write us a letter to explain what happened. We are treating it just as a terrible tragedy which could have happened at any time."

Georgie grew up in Salisbury, Wiltshire, but left to travel abroad with Paul. Paul then enrolled into Cardiff University – and Georgie was hoping to start a computer sciences degree there in September.

Paul said: "We wanted to live by the sea and Llantwit Major was the perfect place. We've been here a year and have been very happy."

"We've walked on the beach many times. Georgie and Martha decided to go there to celebrate finishing their own exams."

"Georgie finished a maths A-level in college and they decided to take Martha's dog down to the beach. She was doing what she loved when she died."

"She did not suffer and she went pretty instantly."

"Georgie was such a happy person. We are planning a leaving party for all her friends to remember her how she was. She loved life. She died very happy."

Paul denied the two young women had been warned to stay away from the cliffs before their picnic.

There are signs along the beach warning about the danger of falling rocks, but Paul said she believed she was a safe distance away.

He said: "They were a good distance from the foot of the cliffs and you would never think that would happen."

"We wouldn't want this tragic accident to discourage anyone from going there or walking on that beach. It is a beautiful place and Georgie loved it."

"She expressed all of her feelings openly, and had a particular saying that won't leave me: 'Everything means something and matters.' It is our tragic loss."

An inquest is due to be opened into the death.

A South Wales Police spokesman said: "It was a tragic accident."

The town's beach party, which was to be held the next day (Friday) as a curtain-raiser to the Victorian Fayre, was cancelled as a mark of respect.

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LOCAL GROUPS SHOW THEIR HARD WORK DURING PYLE FESTIVAL WEEK

KENFIG Hill and Pyle Festival Week has been hailed an outstanding success by the organisers.

The week was an opportunity for organisations in the area to show work they do and, along the way, raise much needed funds.

From coffee mornings to open days, art lessons and Zumba dancing in the comprehensive school, or some exciting high class entertainment in the evenings.

Next week's GEM hopes to have some exclusive photographs of the festival week fun day.

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ABOVE: Coffee morning at Bethel Community Church.



LEFT: Cwrt Angorfa - opening of the residents' garden.

ABOVE: Kenfig Hill Male Voice Choir Festival of Song in Pisgah Chapel.



ABOVE: Frank Hennessy and friends at St Theodore's Church.



LEFT: Cwrt Angorfa - opening of the residents' garden.

ABOVE: Kenfig Hill Male Voice Choir Festival of Song in Pisgah Chapel.



RIGHT: Stars in their Eyes - Kenfig Hill Guides company in Kenfig Hill Rugby Club.

BELOW: Mynydd Cynffig Junior School entertain in Llys Ton.



ABOVE: At the Scope Community Cafe.



ABOVE: Showtime at the Talbot Community Centre.



ABOVE: Open day - Adult Day Centre at Pyle Life Centre.

Blind cyclist's Paris challenge

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Sue added: "It's surprising how quickly the money mounts up, and we give out three cheques a year to local charities or people who are doing something worthwhile. The maximum we give is £300."

Keith plans to test his own general knowledge on July 24 at a charity quiz night at Gilead Chapel Hall, Coity, Bridgend, run by Ogmere Valley Wheelers in aid of Guide Dogs Cymru.

Teams of four to six are invited to take part at £10 per person, to

include a fish and chip supper and the chance to win raffle prizes. Entry is by ticket only and places are limited. To find out more, ring Keith on 07985 333301 or email

keith@barrettplanos.co.uk.

You can also hear Keith and Andy talking about their upcoming cycle ride on Bro Radio on Thursday, July 2, from 1.15pm.

PACT meetings

BRYNCETHIN PACT on Wednesday, July 1 at Nazareth Chapel at 6pm.

SARN/BRYNCOCH PACT on Monday, July 6 at Sarn Life Centre at 7pm.

LLANGEINOR PACT on Wednesday, July 8 at the Richard

Price Centre at 5.30pm.

NANTYMOEL/OGMERE VALE PACT on Wednesday, July 8 at Horeb Chapel at 7pm.

BETTWS PACT on Friday, July 10 at Bettws Life Centre at 2pm.

BLAENGARW/PONTYCYMER PACT on Friday, July 10 at the Garw Boys and Girls Club, Victoria Street, Pontycymer at 6.30pm.

BLACKMILL PACT on Tuesday, July 14 at the TRA Centre, Lewistown at 6pm.

YNNYSAWDRE PACT on Wednesday, July 15 at Ynnysawdre Community Hall at 6pm.

ABERKENFIG/PENYFAI PACT on Monday, July 20 at Smyrna Chapel at 7pm.

Man jailed

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Christopher Rees, for Cook, said: "He lost his temper. The two had been close friends for a long time and he is now full of shame and remorse."

"At the end of the day, both parties are family." He said that the defendant had suffered from depression, took medication and had been drinking heavily.

Said the Judge: "This was a trivial argument which escalated into a fight. The aggravation was the use of your foot on a man lying on the ground."

'NHS needs to be patient-focused'

I WAS disappointed by the news that Cardiff and Vale University Health Board was among three boards in Wales that overspent last year – being £21.4 million in the red.

This level of financial mismanagement is deeply worrying. It shows that resources are not being properly used and is further evidence that the Welsh NHS is not well run.

Our NHS staff in Wales work exceptionally hard, but are continually let down by the Welsh Labour Government. The decision to cut health spending here has meant that the health board does not have

sufficient resources to deliver the services the people of Barry and the rest of the Vale need.

The Welsh NHS needs to be patient-focused, with resources focused on front line services. Waiting times are far too long, and Wales needs a cancer drugs fund so that people can receive lifesaving treatments.

I care passionately about healthcare, and delivering a better NHS must be a priority. Labour's record is appalling and this overspend is the latest example that it has let Wales down.

Andrew RT Davies,
Leader of the Welsh Conservatives,
South Wales Central regional AM.

Charity night for young burns victims



A CHARITY night in aid of the Welsh Dragon Burns Club is being held on Friday, August 14 at the Marriott Hotel in Swansea, hosted by Swansea Sound presenter and panto favourite, Kev Johns.

It aims to raise as much cash as possible for the club based at Morriston Hospital which provides support to children who have suffered burns or disfigurements.

The club also gives youngsters the

opportunity to take part in day trips and other activities, all aimed at building confidence and self-esteem while having fun.

The charity night with a black tie theme has been organised by Michaela Sutton, staff nurse on the Dyfed ward at the Welsh Centre for Burns and Plastic Surgery.

She said: "We hadn't had a function like this for a while so we wanted to revive the tradition and give people a chance to get dressed up smartly and enjoy themselves."

"We haven't got a target figure in mind, we just want to raise as

much money as possible because it is such a good cause."

The burns centre treats children from all over south and mid-Wales and the club has members who come from as far afield as the Severn estuary, across to Machynlleth.

Dyfed ward manager Louise Scannell, who heads the club's team, said all funds raised by the event will go towards events like the club's annual camps, days out and Christmas party.

The charity night, at 7pm, features a three-course gala meal, live music from The Raspberry Jam, close-

up magic from Adam James Reeves and an auction with a range of great prizes.

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Walk to Remember loved ones with Marie Curie charity

MARIE Curie is encouraging people in south Wales to get together with friends and family for a 10km walk around Cardiff Castle on August

30, in memory of loved ones and to raise money for people living with a terminal illness.

There is also a shorter pushchair-friendly 5.5km route in the Walk to Remember

at 6.30pm.

Afterwards everyone can enjoy an evening of celebrations as the sun goes down, including live music and a fire juggling performance. Hot food is on sale – or hold a picnic. Car parking is available off

site in nearby Sophia Gardens.

Registration is £10 per person and children under-16 go free (on-the-night adult registration is £20). Participants are asked to raise a minimum of £100 in sponsorship,

which will pay for five hours of care.

"All funds raised will help Marie Curie provide care and support to people living with a terminal illness and their loved ones, whether that's at home, or in the Marie Curie

hospice in Penarth," said Matt Carruthers, events manager at Marie Curie.

"Walk to Remember is a great opportunity to get together with friends and family, and think of loved ones who have passed away, while taking in some of the

country's beautiful scenery.

"By signing up for Walk to Remember in Cardiff Castle and reaching the fundraising target, you'll be helping Marie Curie provide expert care, guidance and support to help people living with a

terminal illness get the most from their time."

Register for Walk to Remember at www.mariecurie.org.uk/get-involved/charity-events/walking/charity-walks/cardiff, or for more information call 0845 052 4184.

AM hits out at shortage of 'disabled-friendly' homes

ELUNED PARROTT, Welsh Lib-Dem AM for South Wales Central, raised the

issue of adapted housing and the fact that there is a chronic shortage of such homes in

Cardiff, RCT and the Vale in the Assembly.

"In the Vale of Glamorgan, there are 18

families waiting for bespoke homes for children with significant disabilities, but while the council has promised to build homes, no suitable land has as yet been identified," she said.

In a question to the Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty, the AM called for an assessment of the number of adapted homes that are constructed each year and an analysis of how this compares with the actual demand: "From discussions with my constituents, it is clear that the number of adapted homes fall well short of what is needed. It is important that this assessment is carried out urgently, so that action plans for future housing can incorporate the needs of those with disabilities.

"There is a hidden

housing crisis in Wales, with thousands of Welsh families in desperate need of disabled-friendly homes.

"Last week, the charity Leonard Cheshire Disability handed over a petition to the Assembly calling for all new homes to be built to lifetime home standards and for 10 per cent to be built to full wheelchair accessibility standards. This is a campaign that has my wholehearted support.

"While we are starting to see some positive news in terms of the number of new houses being built in Wales, I have concerns that this does nothing to improve the provision of lifetime homes, or fully wheelchair accessible homes. This needs to be rectified as a matter of urgency."

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Councillors' coffee morning

RESIDENTS are invited to a free coffee morning this Saturday, June 27, to discuss issues of concern in Dinas Powys. The venue is the Murchfield Hall, Sunnycroft Lane from 11am to midday.

This will be an opportunity to have an informal discussion with local councillors on any relevant issues. Updates can be provided on a range of topics including the latest about the Local Development Plan, travellers at Parc Bryn y Don and the bridge at Cross Common.

Plaid Cymru county councillors can be contacted directly: Chris Franks 07725497423, familyfranks@btinternet.com; Val Hartrey 02920 513274, valhartrey@talktalk.net and Keith Hatton 07749825751, khatton263@btinternet.com.

Ty Hafan lottery draw winners

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery draw number D884:

- £2,000: 645560.
- The rollover, which now stands at £1,500 was not won this week.
- £10: 678776, 290693, 420995, 663754, 193130, 599021, 324326, 697154, 859964, 199546, 311607, 464743, 657944, 428849, 752173, 786166, 643505, 185196, 629548, 135.
- £5: 565418, 285768, 734686, 512887, 648755, 840707, 834078, 433413, 252500, 307557,

447724, 724023, 231033, 252421, 133909, 856240, 325416, 217804, 399609, 317882, 543242, 880252, 479121, 621296, 794255, 305620, 402828, 260105, 386916, 541798, 579020, 688004, 247928, 580184, 504953, 799884, 161802, 640776, 687110, 176666, 180915, 560413, 402826, 641921, 615241, 937498, 176657, 889202, 544469, 467389, 855922, 728424, 966281, 620410, 994127, 338231, 470882, 841918, 155, 371.

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For lottery information please telephone 029 2053 2300.

Barry's Jazz Festival makes successful debut

THE Vale Jazz Festival held in Barry last weekend (June 19 - 21) has been hailed a success by organisers.

Over the weekend, 24 acts took part in the jazz festival in 14 venues around the town including Marco's, The West End Club, The Ship, The Park and the Borough Arms.

Among the bands to play were the Dixielanders, Bella Collins, The Numbers Racket, Dale Storr, Sean Taylor, Hot Club Gallois and the Remi Harris project.

The festival was opened on the Friday by the Archbishop of Wales, Barry Morgan, who also took a special

jazz service on the Sunday with the Mayor of the Vale, Coun Fred Johnson as a guest.

Organising chair Coun Richard Bertin said: "This was our first year and what a great year it was. Thousands came to visit the festival and all the feedback from those attending was extremely positive."

"The aim of the event was not only to provide free entertainment for the community, but to promote jazz and bring visitors to the town and we succeeded."

"We had to get funding to make it happen and it wasn't until about six weeks ago that we found out we were successful in our bid, so our team worked extremely hard to make this event

happen."

We are now looking forward to putting on another event next year and we would ask all those interested to get involved and join our organising committee."

Before the event could take place, the committee had to chase sponsorship from a variety of sources to get around £9,000 to make it happen. Sponsorship came from a variety of sources including The Arts Council for Wales, The National Lottery, Vale Council, Barry Town Council, Cardiff Bus, Newydd Housing and a variety of other local sources.

Next year, it is hoped the event will be bigger

and better with educational courses for children.

Young children also took part this year, coming from Jenner Park School, Barry to read a poem about 'a jazz drummer'.

Gemma Collard, who is the organising secretary, and project advisor, said: "Our challenge next year is to get more visitors to attend the festival and to make it bigger and better."

"We would like to thank all those who were involved in Vale Jazz this year and look forward to your support again next year."

Country parks' special children's summer events

THE Vale's country parks are hosting a series of 'Go Wild' events for kids across the summer holidays.

From 10am to 11.30am, rangers at Cosmeston, Porthkerry and the Heritage Coast will be hosting a range of events, including den building and fires, bug hunting, and beach bushcraft.

Events will be held at Porthkerry every Tuesday morning from July 21, featuring Go Wild sessions on mammals, survival, and bugs.

At the Heritage Coast

centre, sessions will be held every Wednesday from July 22, and will feature exploring rock pools on Llantwit Major beach and beach bushcraft sessions.

At Cosmeston every Thursday from July 23, sessions will include den building and fires, and dragonflies and butterflies.

All sessions are suitable for seven to 11-year-olds and cost £3 per child. Spaces are limited so booking is essential.

For more information on all the Go Wild events on offer, visit www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk.

National Garden Scheme is in Dinas Powys

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Opening information Saturday and Sunday, July 4 - 5 (12pm - 5.30pm). Combined admission £4, child admitted free. Home-made teas.

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The gardens in this group are:

1 Ashgrove is opening on all of the group opening dates, Brookleigh is opening on all of the group opening dates, The Huntsman Restaurant is opening on Sunday, July 5.

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Disability information

Good wheelchair access at 30 and 32 Millbrook Road. Partial access elsewhere.

BOOK LAUNCH

A NEW novel, written by two Barry women will be launched at the Coffee Cove on Barry Island at 6pm on June 30.

Sian Jones and Jan Harvey have combined to write *Hook Up*, by Harvey Jones, an erotic novel with adult themes.



Vale Show is getting closer

PLANS for this year's Vale Of Glamorgan Show are now underway, and for all green fingered gardeners and creative children, the schedules for the horticultural section are now available.

This year's horticultural section is bigger than ever, with over 100 classes with something for everyone of all ages. Please come along and be part of this great show and join in the fun.

For a schedule, contact Mrs Gail Wintle (Horticultural Secretary) on 07976 935223 or online at valeofglamorganshow.co.uk for a schedule with a list of categories and entry form.

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ARMED FORCES DAY PLANNED FOR CARDIFF

A BIG celebration is planned in Cardiff for Armed Forces Day (Saturday, June 27).

A week of celebration will precede Armed Forces Day on June 27 in honour of our serving Armed Forces and Veterans.

The week starts on Monday, June 22 with the raising of the Armed Forces Flag on Cardiff Castle keep. On Tuesday, June 23, the fifth annual Armed Forces Day Golf

Tournament will be played at Cottrell Park Golf Club, St Nicholas, Cardiff and later in the week, in preparation for the Saturday, HMS Somerset, a Type 23 frigate will dock in Cardiff Bay. Her ship's company, together with Royal Naval Reservists from HMS Cambria, Royal Marine Reservists from the Cardiff detachment and officer cadets from the University Royal Naval Unit, will be on parade on Saturday.

On the day, over 800

service personnel, cadets and veterans will start the day with a parade led by the Band of the Royal Welsh. The parade will march through the city and then back into Cardiff Castle for a Drum Head Service.

Following the service, the arena and stage events in Coopers Field, behind the castle there will be an afternoon of entertainment and music of every genre.

In the arena, there will be bands, including the Gwent and Powys ACF Band and City of Newport Pipe Band, a bridge building display by the Royal Monmouthshire Royal Engineers, the Welsh Horse and 41st of Foot re-enactors, plus displays by the Military Preparation College, and Navy Cadet Field Gun crews competition and a semaphore display by Swansea Sea Cadets.

Everyone is welcome and it is free. The event starts at 10am and ends at 4.30pm.

The 'blooming' Cadoxton Tea Party

THE Cadoxton Youth Project is holding two Blooming Great Tea Parties in the community.

This Saturday (June 27, 10am-4pm) and Sunday (June 28, 11am-4pm), we will be raising funds for Marie Curie at the Cadoxton Multicultural Voluntary Community venue and Cadoxton Green, where refreshments, light snacks and family sporting fun will be available.

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STILL recovering from the effects of the 2012 event, which was cancelled at the last-minute due to bad weather, Barry Scouts and Guides are urging members of the public and local businesses to support this year's annual fete at Romilly Park on Saturday, July 4.

It costs almost £10,000 to stage the fete for the Scouts and Girl Guides and, if hit by the weather, almost 10 per cent of the costs of running vital training programmes throughout the year could be lost.

Fete chair Cathie Steele said: "Despite the nice weather last year, the Scouts and Guides in the district are still suffering from the loss of income from the 2012 fete which involved having to use reserves to maintain their normal programme of activities."

"If the weather is fine and we can attract our usual audience of some 7,000 people, then any funds raised go direct to the individual groups. Therefore, this year, more than ever we need support via sponsors, patrons and on the day."

This year's fete marks 30 years of a joint event held with the Guides which will be supported by the 1st Rogerstone Scout Band, Wales' only



remaining Scout band.

Throughout the day there will be arena displays from The British Legion Motorcycle Display Team, Above and Beyond flying trapeze artists, Goshin Karate and FitM8 Personal Training who will be on hand to offer advice.

Entry (gates open at 12 noon) will be via a lucky draw programme, costing £2, which can be purchased from all Scout and Guide groups or on the day at the gates. Children under five can enter free. Each programme purchased can be entered into a draw, with cash prizes

along with prizes donated from Cotswold Outdoors, Coastal Coffee, Inn House Automatics and Barrybados.

The fete committee would like to thank all those who have so readily helped to organise this year's fete and especially to the patrons and local businesses who have financially supported the committee.

Cathie added: "Please spend generously on the day and thank you for your support."

For further details follow us on twitter @BarryFete.

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Charity's Ugandan ties



Vale for Africa scholarship student Isaac Onyango and Vale for Africa supporters at Atlantic College.

VALE for Africa, the charity linking the Vale with a Ugandan community, held its annual general meeting recently.

The charity was set up seven years ago, and has been working to improve the quality of life of the residents of Tororo, an area of Eastern Uganda, near the border with Kenya.

Vale for Africa focuses on long term sustainable projects, and, because there are no overheads or salaries, every penny raised contributes directly to improving the health and education prospects of young people.

The chair, Ted Arbuthnot, paid tribute to the volunteers and partner organisations who have worked hard over the past year. Until recently, pupils of two primary schools had to walk two kilometres carrying heavy containers full of water to their primary school, because there was no water supply.

Vale for Africa and Cowbridge Rotary Club have changed that, by ensuring that the schools are now joined up to the mains water supply, and they hope to continue this work in other schools.

The charity has also sent teams of volunteers to Tororo to perform eye tests, and to train volunteers there to continue the eye health scheme. During the last visit, over 400 people, most of them children, were tested and provided with spectacles or referred to hospital for treatable conditions such as glaucoma and cataracts.

Vale for Africa has also increased

the number of books in the community library, from a few hundred to nearly four thousand. This means that more children can study outside school hours. Some of the local schools report that exam results have improved as a direct result of the expansion of the library.

The Vale for Africa Scholarship gives a unique opportunity to a young person from Tororo to come to Atlantic College, St Donats, to study for two years. Leaving Tororo to travel to Wales as a teenager is challenging, as is coping with Welsh winters after living near the equator.

The charity helps out by providing the student with winter clothes and other essentials to help make life a little easier while they are here.

They said goodbye to Isaac Onyango in May, who will go on to study engineering in Oklahoma, and will be welcoming a new student when term starts later this year.

A spokesman said: "A new board of trustees were elected and we all hope to be able to continue to work in Uganda, but this will only be possible with the support of members and volunteers."

"If you are interested, please think about joining, it only costs £20 per year and that goes a very long way. We also need trustees with specific skills such as fundraising and IT, so if you have a little bit of time to spare please get in touch, either through our website www.valeforafrica.org.uk or email skbowyer@yahoo.co.uk."

PRAISE FOR VALE COUNCIL'S HOME ADAPTATION SCHEME

RIGHT: A ramp at the home of Mrs Lewis, Longmeadow Drive, Dinas Powys.

THE average time taken by the Vale Council to deliver disabled facilities grants in the county has been reduced to 199 days, an improvement of 30 per cent compared to last year.

A council spokesman said: "Following a complete overhaul of the delivery process, average waiting times have fallen year on year since 2008/9, and grants are now delivered on average around five times quicker than they were then."

Mrs Lewis of Longmeadow Drive, Dinas Powys, first made contact with the council in December 2014, requesting facilities such as an access ramp and a stairlift.

Following visits from liaison officers in January and a survey, work began on improvements for Mrs Lewis' home. After regular visits from the grant officer to ensure the quality of work was maintained, the improvements were signed off in May, just 136 days after the initial call.

Mrs Lewis said: "I was struggling to get my husband out through the

front door due to the steps, but the new disabled ramp, level access door and stairlift means my husband can now go outside in his wheelchair with me.

"Due to the fact I had to pay a contribution it was important that I received value for money, and I was impressed by the quality of the ramp, door and stairlift and the expertise provided by the council's grant agency service."

"Now that the work has been completed, I could not manage without it."

Disabled facilities grants fund the adaptation of privately owned homes to allow disabled residents to live as independently as possible in their own home for as long as possible.

The cabinet member for housing, Coun Bronwen Brooks, said: "I'm very pleased that significant improvements had been made, and hopefully if we carry on working as hard as we are now, we can look forward to further decreases in the delivery time of DFGs in the future."

Following the announcement, Council staff are encouraging residents to get in touch

to discuss the grants process, to highlight areas of success, and to suggest any improvements that could reduce the delivery time further.

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For decades Park Crescent has been a gateway to both the town and Barry Island. In summer months, it has often provided the first glimpse of the sea for excited daytrippers on their way to the coast.

And for those in the know, this popular thoroughfare has a great selection of independent businesses, run by family people with a strong entrepreneurial spirit who provide the very best service.

There's a constant buzz about Park Crescent with a busy public house, Romilly Primary School, shops and churches all jostling contentedly together.

Teresa Pereira decided to locate her business Tulip Bridal Wear and Photo Studio in the area in April last year.

It is in the refitted premises once occupied by The Grapevine on St Nicholas Road.

Teresa said: "We have got new designers in – Alfred Angelo, Enzoani, and Nicole.

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girl dresses, along with all the accessories needed.

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The new photographer for the company is Mark Osman, well known for his work in High Street.

The photo studio is a convenient location for a family or individual portrait.

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Teresa explained: "We make brides, their mums and family members very welcome. We cater for all their needs in a relaxed, calm environment.

"We're here to make their big day special."

GUIDING LIGHT CENTRE

Business people are always keen to become part of the Park Crescent community.

Park Crescent's latest arrival is Christine O'Neil, a professional medium and clairvoyant for the last 30 years, who has relocated from High Street.

Christine runs courses for mediumship, tarot, psychic skills, numerology, palmistry and was winner of the 'Best Teaching Venue' at the Welsh Spiritual Awards 2011.

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My Favourite Pet and Sleek & Chic provide great services for pet lovers.

My Favourite Pet, Care 4 Pets and Sleek and Chic run by Alison Moya provide every conceivable pet need.

Alison said: "We supply a wide range of dog foods – Canagan, Aatu, hypoallergenic, raw food – and people should keep an eye out for our regular 'deal of the week'."

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It also has a range of specialist dog foods – Symply, Lily's Kitchen, Royal Canin, Burns, fish4dogs, Barking Heads, James Wellbeloved and Nature's: menu – the

sorts of brands you can't always get in the supermarkets.

The store also supplies other animal foods, including bird seeds.

Alison moved dog grooming next door to 'Sleek & Chic'. The salon is light, airy and air-conditioned.

In the future, Alison and other traders are hoping to form a Park Crescent Traders Association to represent the interests of local businesses, raise the area's profile and organise special events.

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RIGHT: Christine O'Neil, a professional medium and clairvoyant for the last 30 years, has relocated from High Street to 116A Park Crescent.



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She is available for private readings and evenings of clairvoyance.

The Guiding Light Centre is open Monday to Friday, 9.30am to 5pm; or you can call Christine on 01446 735691; or you can email: guidinglightcentre@yahoo.co.uk.

Park Crescent has every beauty and hair treatment you could possibly want – and the owners often provide their myriad services with flexible hours.

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Clients can walk in, but the ladies advise booking an appointment via Facebook, by mobile or landline.

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Special prices at the moment include acrylics at £22.50 and shellac at £20.

Just4Tanz at 18 Park Crescent is open until 9pm seven days a week!

For that all over tan you can block book sessions reducing the cost per minute. The environment is clean and relaxing and clients often bring their along their own music to while away the time. (Look out for extra special offers on just4voucherz.co.uk).

At 'BLush' Holly Bennett is celebrating

her second anniversary.

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Holly said: "We've been open two years and haven't increased the prices."

"Clients can call in or book appointments by phone, text or Facebook."

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McKellen shines in an otherwise dull spin on Holmes...

HAVING been brought to life by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle 128 years ago, the last few years have seen a rise in Sherlock Holmes on screen.

Guy Ritchie kickstarted the craze in 2009 with the first of his two films, starring Robert Downey Jr as the detective, while Steven Moffat and Mark Gatiss brought a modern day version of the character, starring Benedict Cumberbatch, to TV screens a year later.

Throw in the American series *Elementary*, with Jonny Lee Miller as Sherlock, and you have plenty of Holmes to keep you entertained.

The latest actor to take on such an indelible character is Ian McKellen in *Mr Holmes*, a film that is based on the book *A Slight Trick Of The Mind* by Mitch Cullin. Set in 1947, Holmes, now 93, has retired and lives in a remote cottage cared for by his housekeeper Mrs Munro (Laura Linney) and her son Roger (Milo Parker).

Struggling to cope with the slow deterioration of his mind, we flashback to Holmes' past and the case that sent him into retirement, and also to a trip to Japan where Holmes undertakes to find a mysterious plant that could save his

mind...

The concept of seeing the great Sherlock Holmes in his dotage is a clever, and indeed intriguing one; after all, great fictional characters, literary or otherwise, are very rarely shown at any other time than in their pomp. In execution, however, Mr Holmes is a dull and slow film that has its charms, but is overwhelming in its torpor.

It has a very 'Sunday evening' feel about it, which can't always be levied as a negative, but in this case it very much is; in a film of quiet reflectiveness, it just feels too slow and un-engaging, despite the best efforts of a cast that is predictably very good.

It's a pleasure to see Sir Ian McKellen outside of the word of blockbusters and getting the opportunity to dig beneath the surface of a character, even one as well worn as Sherlock Holmes, and bring him to life. Whether it's as Holmes investigating what turns out to be his last case, or as the Holmes whose bouts of forgetfulness shine a light on his mental decline, McKellen is as engaging a presence as you would expect.

His performance is the key ingredient to the film, but with the likes of Laura Linney alongside him, the acting quality is high, while young Milo Parker shares a tender chemistry with Holmes,



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their relationship forming the emotional core of the film, and one that pays off in quite a dramatic fashion.

What is less engaging are the story strands of the piece. The one that frames the film, showing Holmes' mind declining, is by far the most satisfying to watch, a study of a once great man becoming a shell of his former self.

However, the strand that deals with the case that drove him into retirement has a flimsy structure and a sad, weak denouement, while the Japan strand, save for a last act grace note, feels entirely superfluous to proceedings.

In the director's

chair, Bill Condon (who had previously worked with McKellen on *Gods and Monsters*, winning him a best actor Oscar nomination in the process, in a film that isn't a million miles away from this one) directs with a steady hand and wonderful feel for the subject matter and the period. Austere, but beautifully shot, Condon marshals the film exceptionally well.

It's just a shame that despite these good points, the overarching feel of *Mr Holmes* is that of a slowly paced offering that doesn't grip you in the way it should. A clever idea that struggles in execution, it's a dull offering.

VERDICT - Taking a different tack from the slew of Sherlock Holmes-related adventures we've seen in recent years, *Mr Holmes* has pedigree but fails to turn that into an engaging film, the end product lacklustre and disappointing. Ian McKellen excels in the lead role, and is well supported by both Laura Linney and Milo Parker, but it's all a little too pedestrian in the end. *Average.*

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Sherlock Holmes* (2009), *Gods and Monsters* (1998).

RNLI members work together in order to help stricken yacht

PORTHCRAWL RNLI lifeboat *Rose of the Shires* launched on Saturday, June 20, to the assistance of a 30ft yacht that had lost its mast approximately seven miles south of Porthcawl.

The RNLI Atlantic 85 Lifeboat launched immediately, and made good speed to the yacht's position.

Volunteer RNLI helmsman Simon Emms said: "When we got to the yacht, we found two persons on board. The mast was snapped completely at its base, and was dragging in the water."

"Crew members Alex Denny and Nathan Evans were put on board to secure the mast and make sure the crew were safe.

We then put a tow on the yacht to keep it in a safe position away from the dangerous Nash Sands."

As the yacht was on its way to Barry, Barry Dock Off Shore Lifeboat was also launched, and took over the tow to take the yacht safely back to Barry.

Mr Phillip Missen, Lifeboat Operations Manager for Porthcawl RNLI, said: "This was a dangerous rescue, as with any demasted yacht, trying to get a lifeboat close to the yacht is tricky. Simon used his training and expertise to position the lifeboat alongside the yacht safely, avoiding all the ropes, wires and the mast itself in the water. The two lifeboat crew members who were put on board then had a hard job of getting the mast out of the water and securing it to the yacht."

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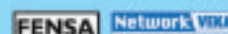
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by PHILIP IRWIN

IT was Cassius Clay (shortly before he became Muhammad Ali) who came out with the line "It's hard to be humble when you're as great as I am!"

Now this may be a tenuous link, but it's a little bit like that when you are asked to write about Porthcawl when it is in the middle of a period of good weather.

After several days of walking along the seafront, taking in the blue waters of the Bristol Channel, it's hard not to get carried away with the town's plus points.

Porthcawl has been Bridgend county borough's only seaside resort for around 100 years now and, although many people would like to have seen more rapid change in the town's infrastructure, it's basic virtues are unchanging.

In Victorian times, ladies may have 'taken the air' with a short walk along the promenade, but now the town is the ideal starting point for short walks or lengthy treks.

You can head off through the hustle and bustle of the fun fair, and then on to Newton and beyond (all the way to Ogmore if you choose) or you can head west along the coastal path to Rest Bay and



Bahia has been described as a 'Ladies Emporium' and as an 'Aladdin's Cave'!

again, on past the Royal Porthcawl Golf Club and on to Sker Beach.

The town's attractions to visitors are clear on any warm weekend, as so many people stroll along the coastal path, or perhaps find a pub with outside seating where they can watch the world go by.

All these visitors bring about economic activity, of course, and visitors will be rewarded by browsing through Porthcawl's shopping streets.

Town centres are under pressure these days of course – under attack from all the usual suspects – but new businesses keep on opening in the town, while existing ones continue to flourish.

Hearing and Mobility (see article on page 21) is an example of a new business that has just opened in Lias Road and which can offer goods and services to customers from around south Wales.

For local businessman

The are big plans for Jennings Building, which is alongside Porthcawl Marina.



Mark Moss, it means that the 17th branch of his company is in his home town!

One relative newcomer to the town is Bahia, a boutique run by Pam Williams on New Road (Station Hill) as it is universally referred to by locals).

Pam is typical of owner entrepreneurs who offer something different, and she is celebrating her second anniversary of trading in the town.

She said: "It has been

two good years, I've made lots of new friends and have had plenty of compliments about the boutique".

She sells clothes, shoes, handbags, jewellery and accessories, and has been called a 'Ladies Emporium' or an 'Aladdin's Cave' – she's happy with either.

She said: "I think Station Hill is really picking up again as a shopping centre, and there's definitely a lot more to Porthcawl than just John Street."

Quite a number of similarly-minded owners have also been attracted to the town. Porthcawl does have its chain stores, but not that many.

About as far away from a chain store as you can get is SUSSED on James Street (by the bandstand on John Street) where the items on sale have been sourced from ethical and Fairtrade suppliers.

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SUSSED – shopping for a change...

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Primary school pupils get a taste of 'big school'

A TOTAL of 190 pupils from 16 primary schools enjoyed an exciting and fun-packed day at Porthcawl Comprehensive this week (see photo on page 22).

Pupils followed a sample timetable, enjoying lessons in music, drama and science to name just a few. Lunch was served in the school canteen and year-6 pupils were ably supported by year-12 students.

It was lovely to see the year-6 pupils mixing so well and already beginning to make new friends. We hope that the day gave them a real insight into what comprehensive school is all about and perhaps allayed some of their fears about leaving primary school.

Many thanks to all those who made it such a successful day, both pupils and staff.

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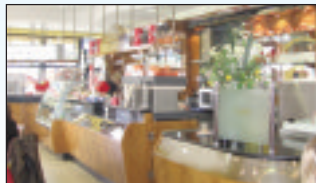


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NEW HEARING AND MOBILITY STORE OPENS IN PORTHCAWL

IT may have rained all day, but it didn't dampen the spirits of Porthcawl's Mayor Coun David Newton-Williams and consort Gaynor Williams, at the ribbon cutting ceremony of Porthcawl's brand new Hearing and Mobility store in Lias Road (opposite the Co-Op) on Saturday, June 13.

On hand to give out glasses of Bucks Fizz to customers were Craig Hosken, Porthcawl store manager, Samantha Marchesi, sales director and Mark Moss, chairman of Hearing and Mobility.

Mark, who lives in Porthcawl and is very involved in the Porthcawl local business community, said: "We're very excited with this latest store opening, taking our total Hearing and Mobility

UK branches to 17, and it's made more special for me being my home town, to be able to offer local people a one stop shop for all their hearing and mobility needs."

Hearing and Mobility offer an expert hearing care and wax removal service with their resident audiologist, Mark's daughter, Louise Moss. Mayor Newton-Williams was keen to be the first in line for a free hearing screening test.

Hearing and Mobility also stock a huge range of mobility products, including stairlifts, scooters, wheelchairs, rise and recline chairs and electric bikes. From their shop in the town centre, they hire out scooters, wheelchairs and tri-walkers, providing a valuable service both for residents and visitors to Porthcawl.



PICTURED (from left to right), Gaynor Newton-Williams, Mark Moss, Samantha Marchesi, Craig Hosken and Mayor David Newton-Williams with the proud owner of a new scooter, Mr Evans.

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Porthcawl looks toward the future

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By necessity, this means finding suppliers who are not mainstream, and it means that the shop offers a distinctive range of goods.

Of course, visitors like to stop for a break and the town is not short of places to keep the customer satisfied.

More coffee bars have opened over the last two years, including the Coast in Dock Street, where series four of *Stella* was filmed (it was Little Alun's cafe).

A Costa Coffee is on the way but it will face plenty of competition from the town's established cafe owners.

Meanwhile, the town's restaurants continue to thrive and Porthcawl can boast cuisine inspired by Portugal, Italy, India, Spain and China – not to mention that essential of any seaside town, fish and chips.

By my estimate, the town has five in the town and several more serving the fairground!

Porthcawl also has enough pubs to give someone looking

for a quiet drink plenty of choice, whether that be on a show along the sea front, or in a quieter area, in one of the town's side streets.

Another attraction in the town is the Porthcawl Museum in John Street, which has extended its operations and opens for longer hours, giving visitors an insight into the town's history in the days before it was a seaside resort.

Change is on the way in the town, too. A recent refurbishment to the town's harbour – converting it into a marina – is starting to bear fruit, with the improved harbour has triggered interest in Jennings Building.

The building is a listed building – due to its historical significance as a relic of Porthcawl's past as a thriving port, rather than its architectural beauty.

However, plans have been submitted to make it a place to visit, with a restaurant and cafes that open out onto the quayside.

There would also be small

business units and flats that are designed to keep it busy in all weathers.

There are also plans for a maritime centre nearby, although this is still in the early stages.

Change is never rapid in Porthcawl, and this has meant that the town has leant heavily on its natural assets – its Blue Flag beaches and beautiful coastline.

It has added a number of festivals and attractions – a jazz festival and, of course, the Elvis Festival.

Golf has gained a higher profile, with the Royal Porthcawl hosting the British Seniors Championship, while surfing, cycling, and windsurfing enthusiasts all find what they are looking for in Porthcawl.

The town's natural assets have helped it ride out rough times, have kept the town popular with visitors, and Porthcawl is looking forward to another traditional summer on the south Wales coast!



ABOVE: Porthcawl Comprehensive School played host to 190 pupils from 16 primary schools during an exciting day recently. The aim of the day was to help integrate year-6 pupils in preparation for the new school year in September, and the pupils had a great time undertaking a range of classes – September can't come quick enough!

Top IT suite is available for community use



ABOVE: Members of the local community using the state-of-the-art IT equipment at Castleland Community Centre.

THE IT manager for Castleland Community Centre, Barry, is keen to see local organisations take advantage of its state-of-the-art suite of computers.

Neil Moore told The GEM that he wanted charities, community groups and businesses to know that the suite was available for hire at reasonable rates to cover costs.

The suite was funded by the Communities Facilities and Activities Programme (CFAP) and cost £18,685.

Neil explained: "We can accommodate a minimum one hour booking, a few weeks or a booking over a 12 month period – we're very flexible."

"We can even provide access to the building via a 'fob' so people can run evening sessions."

"I am more than happy to work with an organisation's software requirements."

"The 10 machines all have Windows 8.1, the latest released system for Windows, and high spec graphic cards. They also have the latest version of Office Suite. We have a full laser colour A3 printer – people can print off A3 posters for a charge. There isn't another suite this modern in Barry!"

The suite has already been used to run Welsh Education Authority courses, by Remploy, charities and a local business.

The community centre also has meeting/training rooms, a volunteer run cafe and toilets.

If your organisation is interested in using the IT suite, email it@dicdevelopmenttrust.com; or phone 01446 701285.

The Vale of Glamorgan Council (B4265 ST BRIDES ROAD (PART) EWENNY) (ROAD CLOSURE) (TEMPORARY) ORDER No 2 2015

1. On 25th June 2015 the Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended), made an Order the general effect of which is as described in the schedules below:

2. The Order will be known as "The Vale of Glamorgan Council (B4265 St Brides Road (Part) Ewenny) (Road Closure) (Temporary) Order No 2" 2015.

SCHEDULE 1

1. No person shall cause or permit a motor vehicle to proceed in the location specified in Schedule 2 below.

SCHEDULE 2

Location B4265 - St Brides Road, Ewenny from its junction with the access road into the quarry to the rear of number 1 Kingswood Close at grid 290072 177011 in a generally south westerly direction to the quarry access at Pontalun at grid 289928 176698. A distance of approximately 325m.

Reason behind To allow removal and replacement of a railway bridge on of Network Rail.

Duration From 00.01 Hours on Wednesday 1st July 2015, until 23.59 Hours on Friday 31st July 2015.

Diversions (for vehicles under 15 feet high) for southwest bound traffic during the above closure will be signed in a north easterly direction along St Brides Road and continuing along this road to the junction of the B4524 Ogmogre Road, then turning left at this junction and continuing in a generally south westerly direction and continue along the B4524 along Main Road, through the village of Ogmogre-by-Sea, continue along the B4524 through Southerndown continue along this road along Southerndown road, and Bull Hill, to where this road meets B4265 at St Brides. then turning left onto the B4265 Ewenny Road, continue along the B4265 along Ewenny Road and St Brides Road to the south Western point of the closure, and visa-versa.

Diversions for vehicles over 15 feet high for south westbound traffic during the above closure will be signed in a north easterly direction along St Brides Road and continuing along this road to the junction of the B4524 Wick Road and turning right into Wick Road, continue along the B4524 Wick Road and Cornetown Road through the villages of Ewenny and Cornetown, to where this road meets the A48, turn right onto the A48, and follow in an easterly direction along this road to Pentre Mayrick, turn right into the B4268, and continue in a southerly direction along this road through the village of Llysorney to Nash Corner. From Nash Corner continue in a southerly direction along the B4270 to its junction with the B4265 at Llantwit Major then turn right onto the B4265, and continue along this road through Wick and St Brides to the south western side of the closure, and visa-versa.

Pedestrian and emergency vehicle access cannot be maintained during this closure.

Dated this 25th day of June 2015.

M. E. Punter,
Director of Visible Services & Housing
Vale of Glamorgan Council,
The Alps, Wenvoe. CF5 6AA.



Cyngor Bro Morgannwg 2015 GORCHYMYN (CAU FFORDD) (DROS DRO) RHIF 2 (B4265 ST BRIDES ROAD (RHAN YN UNIG) EWENNI)

1. Ar 25 Mehefin 2015, yr oedd Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, gan arfer ei bwerau o dan Adran 14(1) Deddf Rheoli Traffig Ffydd 1984 (ddwygiedig), wedi gwneud Gorchymyn y mae ei effaith gyffredinol wedi'i disgrifio isod:

2. Adwaenir y Gorchymyn fel 'Gorchymyn (Cau Ffordd) (Dros Dro) Rhif 2 (B4265 St Brides Road (Rhan yn Unig) Ewenni) Cyngor Bro Morgannwg 2015.

ATODLEN 1

1. Ni fydd unrhyw un yn gyrru nac yn caniatáu i unrhyw un arall yrru cerbyd modur yn y man a nodwyd yn Atodlen 2 isod.

ATODLEN 2

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Cyfnod O 6.00am ar dydd Llun 2 Chwefror 2015 hyd 30 Mehefin 2015.

Dargyfeirio (cerbydau llai na 15 troedfedd o uchder) tra bod y ffordd ar gau, bydd traffig sy'n teithio i'r de-orllewin yn cael ei gyfeirio tua'r gogledd-ddwyrain ar hyd St Brides Road. Bydd yn dilyn y ffordd honno hyd at y gyffordd ag Ogmogre Road (B4524), yn troi i'r chwith yn y fan honno ac yn parhau i ddilyn y B4524 i gyfeiriad y de-orllewin ar hyd Main Road drwy bentref Aberogwr. Bydd yn dilyn y B4524 o hyd drwy Southerndown, ar hyd Southerndown Road a thrwy ardal Bull Hill hyd at y gyffordd â'r B4265 yn Sain Ffraid. Bydd yn troi i'r chwith wedyn i Ewenny Road (B4265), ac yn dilyn yr heol honno, ac yna St Brides Road, hyd at ben de-orllewinol y ffordd gaeddig. Bydd y daith yn ôl yn dilyn yr un llwybr yn union ond o chwith.

Dargyfeirio (cerbydau dros 15 troedfedd o uchder) tra bod y ffordd ar gau, bydd traffig sy'n teithio i'r de-orllewin yn cael ei gyfeirio tua'r gogledd-ddwyrain ar hyd St Brides Road. Bydd yn dilyn y ffordd honno hyd at gyffordd Wick Road (B4524), yn troi i'r dde i Wick Road ac yn dilyn Wick Road (B4524), ac yna Cornetown Road drwy bentrefi Ewenni a Chornetwn hyd at y gyffordd â'r A48. Bydd yn troi i'r dde i'r A48 yn y fan honno, ac yn dilyn y ffordd i gyfeiriad y dwyrain hyd at Bentremerg, yn troi i'r dde i'r B4268, ac yn parhau i ddilyn y ffordd honno i gyfeiriad y de drwy bentref Llysorneyn hyd at Nash Corner. O'r fan honno, bydd yn dilyn y B4270 i gyfeiriad y de hyd at y gyffordd â'r B4265 yn Llanilltud Fawr ac yn troi i'r dde i'r B4265. Bydd yn dilyn y ffordd honno wedyn drwy'r Wig a Sain Ffraid hyd at ochr de-orllewinol y ffordd gaeddig. Bydd y daith yn ôl yn dilyn yr un llwybr yn union ond o chwith.

Ni fydd yn bosibl i gerddwyr na cherbydau argyfwng gael mynediad i'r ffordd tra ei bod ar gau.

Dyddiedig 25 Mehefin 2015

M. E. Punter,
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Cyngor Bro Morgannwg,
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Victorian Fayre provides a great showcase for the town and its talented young people

THERE have been plaudits for the town's Victorian Fayre this year and one of the big successes was the performance stage which provided a showcase for young performers.

A stroll through Llantwit Major was a delight too – with lots of friendly Victorian characters to pass the time of day with.

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A Penarth Town Council spokeswoman said: "A huge thank you must go out to all those who have taken the time to organise the individual events for the people of Penarth. It is because of these people that the festival has proven to be so popular over the years."

"There are so many great things taking place on Carnival Day – make sure you don't miss out."

"At 11.45am, the RAF Falcons Parachute Display Team will jump from their aeroplane and parachute onto the cliff top from a height of 12,000ft."

"The spectacular Vulcan XH558 Bomber will then display at the Esplanade at approximately 12.15pm to really kick-start the day's events. The Vulcan is in its final display year and will never be seen again after the summer season so don't miss out."

"The Carnival Parade will leave West House promptly at 12.30pm making its



...and there's a cracking firework display!

way to the Esplanade to delight the crowds while the classic cars will display along the cliff top path alongside the go-kart track and donkey rides.

"The BRO Radio Roadshow will be providing the on-stage presence at the Penarth Festival Carnival from 12 noon and introduce the local bands throughout the day and evening. Bands such as Lewis Clayton and the Cyclones, Marconi Beach Sound, John Lewis and the Trion, Fun House and Session make for a superb music festival line up."

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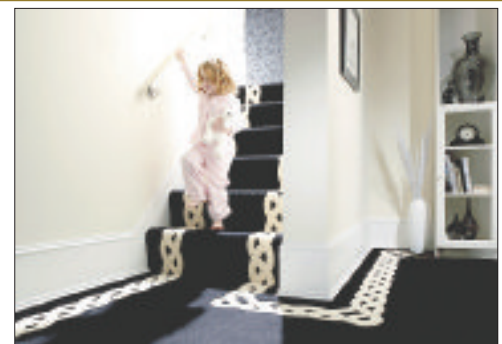
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Plenty on offer at Festival!

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The whole community was pleased to see the return of the Penarth Downhill Derby for 2015. The course has been redesigned, adding more spills and thrills and fun for both drivers and karts. This year, we have introduced assisted starts and obstacles for the hill to 'spice' things up a bit."

Throughout the festival, many large and well-established community events take place such as Music in the Park, GPG Food Festival, Cliff Top Artists, Opera, Open Studio Trails, Summer Ball, Cabaret and much more to see.

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Friends get £4,000 boost for churchyard project

FRIENDS of St Augustine's Church, Penarth, have been awarded a 'pre-project' grant from Environment Wales of £4,048 to carry out a survey to establish whether their plans for the churchyard are viable.

For some time, the Friends have been thinking about how they could do something to make the churchyard more accessible to those who want to visit graves, and to make better use of its size and position – it has one of the best views in the town.

They came up with a project they have called 'Habitat and Heritage' to protect existing wildlife and plants in designated areas, create paths and places to sit, while repairing and restoring damaged tombs and graves.

Some of the tombs are of historic interest and these will be recorded and information made



Joseph Parry's grave at St Augustine's.

available to visitors. The tomb in memory of Joseph Parry is a good example.

Tricia Griffiths, current chair of the Friends, wants to ensure

maintain, and we worry about how people will be able to visit some graves safely unless something is done. The intention is to make the whole area more attractive and a place where people can visit the graves of loved ones, admire the view, enjoy the wildlife and learn about the more historic graves and tombs."

The Friends know that this is potentially a very big project and they want to involve and consult the local community at every stage. They have engaged the Wildlife Trust for South and West Wales to carry out the initial survey and there will be opportunities for local people to help with various aspects of this.

On completion of the survey, a report will be produced showing whether the Habitat and Heritage is possible.

"If it is," say the Friends, "we will then sit down and think about grants and who will be needed to get the project off the ground."

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LEFT: Jonathan Parkin will be performing a recital on July 4 at St Augustine's Church - see page 26 for more information.

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Penarth 50th Summer Festival

Churchyard project receives a boost... so Jonathan will give guitar recital

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"Wherever possible we want to use local people with the appropriate knowledge and skills."

The biggest expense involved in this project will be the repair to damaged graves and tombs.

Email
friendsofstaugustinespenarth@yahoo.com or phone 02920 707828 for more information.

Classical recital
YOUNG classical guitarist, Jonathan Parkin, visited St Augustine's Church recently to check out the venue prior to his recital on Saturday, July 4, at 2.15pm.

Jonathan, who is appearing at the invitation of the Friends of St

Augustine's, was bowled over by the church itself, and by the acoustic, which he described as "amazing". Jonathan will be playing pieces by Bach, Tansman, Ponce and Roussel. Entry, £3 on the door – under-16s free.

It is hoped that people coming for the recital will stay to look at the extensive exhibition that has been set up by the 'Lost Lives Remembered' group. This includes histories of some of the men named on the Roll of Honour, memorabilia from the Firing Line Museum at Cardiff Castle, letters of thanks to Stanwell Old Boys who served in World War One from current pupils, and more about World War One.

TG



With summer here, there's few better places to enjoy the sunshine than Penarth Pier!



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Cabaret night

PENARTH Summer Festival is fast approaching and the Penarth Operatic and Dramatic Society (PODS) is delighted to be once again supporting the town's very special 50th anniversary holiday extravaganza.

This year, PODS will be presenting 'Forte' in cabaret. Forte is a close harmony group of 11, five men and six women, who are making a big impact in the area.

The show is on Friday, July 10, at the Paget Rooms, Penarth. A bar will also be available. Doors open at 7.15pm with the show starting at 8pm.

Young farmers hoist the flag at annual rally

THE annual rally day of Glamorgan Young Farmers' Club proved to be a treasure chest of success at its new location of Slade Farm Organics in St Brides Major.

The competition day is a highlight of the YFC calendar and saw members from the seven Glamorgan clubs go head to head in a diverse selection of competitions, many of which act as eliminators for the Royal Welsh Show in July.

The theme set by Wales YFC for 2015 was 'pirates and the high seas' which was adopted by all YFC counties and clubs throughout Wales.

There are a number of compulsory competitions that each club must enter such as the Treasurer's Book, Minute Book, promotional sign and scrapbook.

Aside from these, there are a whole host of competitions from craft and cookery to performance and rural skills catering for the YFC membership age of 10 to 26.

There was a brilliant turnout of competitors and visitors who watched competitions and browsed the different information stands. Glamorgan YFC continues to go from strength to strength and provide members with a range of

opportunities, supported by the generosity of local businesses and individuals.

Glamorgan YFC county chairperson, Kath Campbell, said: "We have been overwhelmed by the interest and support at rally day this year. There really isn't another organisation which sees youngsters performing on stage one minute and bricklaying the next."

"On behalf of the county federation, may I extend my thanks to Slade Farm Organics for hosting the day and to all the sponsors and volunteers who make the day possible and help things to run smoothly."

The YFC calendar continues in earnest with the breed stock judging competition on Sunday, June 28, which requires competitors to judge a ring of four animals based on their breeding points and then give reasons to a judge within a two-minute time restriction.

If you are interested in becoming a member or would like to find out more about Glamorgan YFC, please visit www.glamorganyfc.co.uk, or contact county organiser, Gwyneth Thomas on 07779 331839 or email Glamorgan@yfc-wales.org.uk. You can also like 'Glamorgan YFC' on Facebook or follow @GlamorganYFC on Twitter.

Conservative leader opposes Labour plan to merge councils

COMMENTING on the Labour government's new 'map' for council reorganisation – which could see the number of Welsh councils cut from 22 to single figures – regional AM

Andrew RT Davies said: "This process has been a shambles from start to finish and I have little confidence in Labour's ability to take it forward."

"Ultimately, while everyone agrees that the cost of politics needs to be reduced, steamrolling local opinion is not the way to take this forward."

On what the plans mean for the Vale, he

said: "All along we have said that any reforms of the council structure should be driven by local voices. If communities want it – and if councils can prove they can boost efficiency with a merger – no-one should stand in their way."

"It's also important that we ask ourselves what roles councils are to be expected to play after a restructuring. How can we be sure that we have the right model in place, if we don't know what councils are going to be expected to do?"

Coach trip to the Royal Welsh Show

ROYAL WELSH SHOW
A coach trip has been arranged to the Royal Welsh Show on Tuesday, July 21.

The bus will leave Cowbridge Town Hall at 8am and leave the show at 5.30pm.

For more details contact Cath Thomas on 01446 774530 ASAP.

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Land, sea and air display



TRESKELION artists Patricia Mears, Joan Hughes and Pat Johnson are pictured with Jane Hutt AM at their land, sea and air exhibition at St Donat's Art Centre, which concludes tomorrow (June 26).

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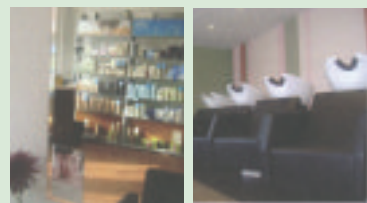
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Awards for dedicated volunteers in the community

A BARRY breast cancer campaigner and a charity born out of a Maesteg tragedy were among 17 individuals and groups whose dedication to helping others was rewarded at the 2015 Wales Volunteer of the Year Awards on June 18.

The Wales Council for Voluntary Action (WCVA) event took place at The Pierhead, Cardiff Bay, hosted by WCVA vice-president, Tom Jones OBE.

Winners in the six nomination categories of trustees, international volunteers, adults, groups, 'green' volunteers and young people (under 25 years) were presented with their awards by event sponsor, Lesley Griffiths AM, Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty.

Awards
Adult category – Pam Allinson: After receiving treatment for breast cancer, Pam Allinson's campaigning for lower hospital waiting times has achieved policy change at the highest level.

Diagnosed with the disease in 2003, Barry resident Pam has been 'extraordinarily active' in the breast cancer community in Wales, said Rachel Hodson, Community Engagement Officer for Breast Cancer Campaign and Breakthrough Breast Cancer charity, the UK's largest breast cancer research charity.

She has given up countless hours to lobby and influence politicians and health professionals and her work on referral waiting times has seen her meet health ministers and top cancer specialists in the Welsh NHS.

As a trained Breakthrough representative, Pam has also given health awareness talks to educate both women and men on how to reduce their risk of breast cancer and how to check for the signs and symptoms, as well as providing information about the latest breast cancer research to many groups and individuals.

Before her campaign, women with urgent suspected breast cancer faced a wait to see a specialist of up to six weeks. Now all women referred urgently are expected to be seen within 10 working days.

Pam also organises meetings in Barry for a local support group, Cardiff and Vale Breastfriends, which provides emotional and practical support to members experiencing a breast cancer diagnosis. Rachel Hodson added: "Her incredible volunteering aims to help everyone affected by breast cancer in Wales in some way."

Before she was diagnosed with breast cancer, Pam worked as a primary school teacher, but due to complications after her treatment and other health issues, she had to take early retirement.

"I still wanted to be active in the community and through volunteering with Breakthrough Breast Cancer, I was able to take forward issues I was concerned about and hopefully help improve the situation for people diagnosed with breast cancer in Wales," she said.

"I feel very humbled to receive this award. The third sector, particularly in the area of health, provides so much extra support for patients."

"I know lots of people who give a great deal of their time to volunteer with charities – supporting others,

campaigning for the best deal for those with health issues and raising vital funds for research, etc. In a way, this award is for all of them, too – a recognition of the amazing voluntary work that goes on in Wales every day."

Group category – The Garnwen Trust

A MAESTEG charity born out of tragic circumstances has brought together the local community by organising hugely popular social events to raise money for a local woodland cabin

'haven'.

In 2007, Maesteg residents Margaret and Richard Collins lost their only son Alex and his girlfriend Beth in a plane crash in Thailand. The young couple had dreamt of seeing as much of the world as they could after getting their degrees, but died only a day into their travel plans when the plane taking them to their second port of call crashed, killing over 90 onboard.

Margaret and Richard decided to develop something positive to help people who had faced adversity at some point in their lives, in

memory of their son. So they formed the Garnwen Trust, with its first event – the sponsored 'Walk for AI' – raising more than £20,000.

The 'incredible' community support spurred the Trust to arrange two concerts in Maesteg Town Hall with the internationally famous band Funeral for a Friend and choir Only Boys Aloud, which sold out and raised over £18,000. The next fundraiser was Party in the Park at Maesteg Park, which has since become a landmark annual event, as has The Walk for AI.

The aim of the events is to pay for a cabin to be built at Afan Forest Park, serving as a base for educational visits such as field trips and the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme, as well as a place where people can have quality family time together. To date, more than £250,000 has been raised.

"Richard and Margaret Collins suffered the greatest tragedy any parent or individual can ever suffer – the loss of their only child," said resident Charlotte Galsworthy.

"The Trust has succeeded in bringing

the community together to not only support fundraising events but also to provide much needed social interaction of all ages, gender and diverse backgrounds within these communities."

Margaret said she and Richard were 'absolutely delighted' that the Garnwen Trust was nominated for Volunteer of the Year.

"We are a very small charity and it's a great honour to win such a prestigious award," she added. "Our trustees and the local community have been so supportive."

Ramblers enjoy the countryside around Dinas Powys area

SEVEN members of the Penarth and District Ramblers met leader Val Hartrey at the Twyn in Dinas Powys at the start of a four-mile local walk.

Setting off through the village onto the eastern end of Dinas Powys Common before crossing St Andrews Road and heading up the Twynyn, Barry Southwell kindly stepped in at the leader's request, as she was feeling unwell and had to return home.

The group continued uphill along the Beauville lane before pausing at the top to enjoy the views south eastwards to both Steep and Flat Holm, the misty English coastline, a cricket match in progress at Parc Bryn y Don and towards Sully and Barry.

Following the quiet lane past Coed Twynyn, Hales Wood and Beauville Wood, with brilliant views across the lower part of the Dinas Powys golf course and arriving at Beauville Farm, a rocky track led them downhill into the valley and across the bridge over the Wrinstone Brook.

Entering a meadow adjacent to Wrinstone House through a metal kissing gate, one of many that have replaced worn

stiles in the area, several cows with their calves gazed at the group as they passed by, dropping gradually downhill along narrow woodland paths beside the Wrinstone Brook, to exit alongside the salmon leaps where the pretty lakes were obscured from view by tall nettles and other foliage.

Following Cwrt-yr-Ala Road downhill to a newly-installed gate and crossing the old stone footbridge over the Cadoxton River, rough farm tracks led uphill past cropped fields to Cwm Genoe.

Then, leaving the main track and entering a peaceful buttercup-filled meadow, they deviated past Ty'n y Coed, passing through several more metal kissing gates with glorious views of the stunning copper beeches in the wood.

An old sunken lane led

them uphill onto the Dinas Powys golf course and they returned to the Twyn via Highwalls Avenue. Best wishes are sent to Val for a speedy recovery.

On June 27, meet at 9.30am at Cogan Leisure Centre for a nine-mile hard walk taking in Llangorse Lake, Llangasty and the ridge way; contact Jan/John on 01446 418514.

On July 2, meet at 7pm at The Downs, St Nicholas (off A48) for a 3.5-mile easy walk around St Nicholas and Wenvoe; contact Val on 01446 734925.

Wear suitable clothing, preferably boots and carry waterproofs, food and drinks. Programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2025 5102.

Joy Strangward

NEWS IN BRIEF

Llanmaes fete

LLANMAES village fete and the Blacksmith's Beer Festival takes place on Saturday, July 4 from 1pm-5pm.

Includes The Dog's Trust dog show and agility course, Aberthyn Tractor Boys, craft stalls, cake stalls, raffle, tombola, coconut shy and tea, coffee and cakes at the village hall by Llanmaes WI.

Table top sale

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St Illtyd retain rugby title



ON Friday, June 19 a rugby tournament took place in Llantwit Major Rugby club. St Illtyd Primary were aiming to retain their title after the previous two years' success. The schools were: Pendoylan, St Illtyd, St Athan, Saint Brides and

Llanilltud Fawr.

On a fantastic sunny day at a well-supported event, there was some fantastic rugby played by some good teams with very talented players. The crowd were kept entertained with some thrilling rugby.

A St Illtyd pupil, Luke, commented: "We were very pleased about the way we played. We dominated most games, and

showed good teamwork."

Eventually, St Illtyd were crowned tournament winners after winning three and losing one in the group stages, and beating Pendoylan 9 - 5 in the tense final.

A big thank you goes to the teachers and Llantwit Rugby club for organising the day.

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FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS GROUP VISITS TEWKESBURY

FRIENDS and Neighbours Senior Citizen Group had a great day out with a visit to the medieval market town of Tewkesbury.

As they reached the town, they marvelled at the magnificent Tewkesbury Abbey, which dominated the town built in the 12th century.

They wandered around the

town and found an array of shops, bistros, pubs and tea rooms, many of them keeping their original Tudor design.

With the sun shining, many of the members took a leisurely stroll along the river banks and a relaxing cruise along the river.

A visit to the town hall was not to be missed, with crafts on sale and demonstrations, as well as the

local church knitting display.

The Wednesday market was enjoyed by many who came back with their bargains.

They are all looking forward to the annual summer mystery trip in August.

For further information on Friends and Neighbours, contact Gay Fifield, coordinator, on 01446 400044.

Music pioneers are honoured by Rotary Club

PICTURED (left to right): Phil Kirkham, Rotary president Mary Noyes and Dave Roberts. Phil and Dave received the Achievement Award for 2015.

AT a ceremony held at the West House Hotel on Monday, June 22, the annual 'Rotary Achievement' was presented to Phil Kirkham of Llanmaes and to Dave Roberts of Llantwit Major in recognition of their work with Major Music.



Phil, until recently a youth worker with Bridgend Council, is perhaps best known locally for his time spent as a councillor and sometime chairman of Llanmaes Community Council. In the year 2000, he established a youth club in Llantwit Major to be a safe environment for young people to get together and make music. They met on Tuesday evenings.

The club was so successful that a junior club was added and took place earlier in the evening before making way for the older teenagers. Dave Roberts joined Phil as his deputy and together they guided and encouraged the club to

great success. Dave is now known locally as a former professional footballer with Cardiff City who continues to train young footballers in the town.

When he spoke to the Rotary Club, Phil said that he and Dave could not have achieved what they had without the huge support of former Major Music members, parents and other helpers who had all given of their time and expertise to make the club what it was.

High points had included being invited to perform at the Welsh Assembly building and, in 2013, the production of a CD in which all the music was composed and performed by the members. The club

continues to meet but now does so at the YMCA hall in Barry.

Rotary president Mrs Mary Noyes presented the two with the Achievement Shield and each with a framed certificate and a cheque for £100. She said that Major Music had provided many young people with a creative focus which will remain with them all their lives.

Some members had gone on to become professional musicians including Asha Jane Fletcher-Peters who featured prominently on the CD and who was also a regional winner of the Rotary Young Musician (vocal) competition.

She added that the community of Llantwit Major owed Phil and Dave a debt of gratitude for what they had helped to create. The Rotary Achievement

Award has been given annually for over 25 years to worthy recipients.

These have included diving champion Robert Morgan, Joy Halbritter for her services to Save the Children, Sandra and Brian Perkins for giving hope to a handicapped child and Penny Caston for showing resolution in dealing with a serious handicap.

Last year, it went to Tina Benfield for her leadership and huge success with Llanilltud Fawr in Flower which has helped to transform the town centre.

Mrs Noyes concluded by saying that the names of Phil Kirkham and Dave Roberts will now be added to those who by their effort and ability had helped to make the community a better place in which to live.

Medical team is praised

THE British Society of Gastroenterology has recognised the endoscopy team at University Hospital Llandough (UHL) as world class.

The Endoscopy Unit from UHL recently took part in Endolive UK which is the largest live endoscopy event in the UK to showcase the best of British Endoscopy.

Four UK centres were involved, including UHL, showing live endoscopy cases to over 550 delegates of consultants, nurse endoscopists and trainees at the event held in Birmingham.

The team at University Hospital Llandough was headed by Dr Sunil Dolwani and carried out seven live cases which were all successful and showcased colonoscopic procedures. UHL was selected because of its expertise in undertaking state of the art procedures as well as its work in training and teaching.

Dr Ian Forgacs,

president of the British Society of Gastroenterology said: "By common consent of the very large audience this was the best demonstration of live endoscopy ever seen in this country. University Hospital Llandough should be exceptionally proud of the performance of the whole team of endoscopists, nurses and all the staff who put on the most professional display."

Dr Dolwani said: "We are proud to be one of the centres selected which is as a result of our reputation in undertaking complex therapeutic endoscopic procedures to a level only a handful of centres in the UK do."

"As a team we carry out live events for training every year but this is by far the biggest and best live event we have been part of."

Cardiff and Vale University Health Board currently carries out 10,000 endoscopy procedures every year but are striving to increase that number to 13,000.

Cowbridge Cubs say 'thank you'



The car wash was held at the fire station.

THE Cowbridge Beavers, Cubs and Scouts' group would like to say thank you for all the support that we were given in Cowbridge on Saturday, June 20.

We were offering a shoe shine inside Costa Coffee and outside the town hall, and a car wash at the fire station.

We would like to say a big thank you to Costa and the fire station for letting us use their premises.

The money we raised this time is helping the Scouts go to a summer camp in Bodmin, Cornwall.

The Beavers and Cubs had a very busy weekend because on Sunday, June 21, we went to a fun day in Bristol, which was enjoyed by all.

Christine Mallett, Cowbridge Cub Leader.

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Charities benefit from Llanccarfan tea event



A NUMBER of Vale-based charities benefitted from a fundraising event at Llanccarfan Village Hall recently.

Wales Air Ambulance, mental health charity Mind and Latch all received cheques and met Llanccarfan

fundraisers for afternoon tea.

Vale MP Alun Cairns said: "The fundraising event in Llanccarfan is a fantastic example of the community coming together. I am delighted that three excellent charities will benefit from much needed funds."

CHOIR'S NEW MATERIAL FOR ANNUAL CONCERT



Soloist Jessica Rees.

COWBRIDGE Male Voice Choir made a return visit after four years to Bethany Baptist Church in Rhiwbina on June 20, singing in aid of the Cardiff branch of Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research.

This was the last performance before the annual concert in Cowbridge Leisure Centre on Saturday, July 25, and so it was an opportunity to perform some of the pieces the

choir will be performing there.

Some of these pieces haven't been sung by us for many years, and it was a new experience for some choristers. One of these, *Cavalry of the Steppes* goes at a rollicking pace and you can almost hear the drumming of the horses' hooves - our musical director Shelley had a job to keep us reined in as we can go galloping off out of control.

Another old favourite is the German 'round' *Sing Dem Herrn*, a song in which the choir has to keep a very close eye on

the conductor so that we know when and where to finish the song.

The soprano soloist was Jessica Rees, who sang a selection of well-known songs from the musicals and popular genres. The choir finished off the concert

with a medley of Beatles' songs during which the audience was invited to join in, especially at the end of *Hey Jude*, when choristers waved their raised hands back and forth, almost in unison. TC

Members learn about Dyffryn

AT the June meeting of Bontfaen WI, there was a talk with slides from Ceridwen Davies of Dyffryn about the re-establishment of two walled kitchen gardens.

The before and after shots showed the hard work done by the workers and the volunteers.

Margaret Price gave her account of her trip to the Albert Hall for the centenary annual meeting.

Earlier in the month, members walked around

Cowbridge on little-known pathways. Even long-time residents hadn't walked some of them. Afterwards, a tasty meal was had at the Duke of Wellington.

Next month we are going to the Everyman Theatre on July 9 for *Sweet Charity* and on July 16, a summer social at Wendy Pearce's house. This is the event when our Denman bursary is drawn for members.

We don't have a meeting in August, but will be going on our annual mystery trip on August 8.

Margaret Price

Exercise for women
THE Vale Council-led Barry Communities First, in partnership with Legacy Leisure, are running exercise classes for females at Barry Leisure Centre every Friday (9am-10am) - a mixture of rebounding, zumba, aerobics and other toning activities.

Legacy Leisure have offered this at a discounted rate of £2.50 per session to cover hall hire. These sessions are for Barry Communities First residents only. (This includes parts of Buttrills, Cadoxton, Casteland, Court and Gibbonsdown).

For more information, contact 01446 709432 or visit www.BarryCommunitiesFirst.org.

Public Notices

BERYL HOPKIN (Deceased)

Pursuant to the Trustee Act 1925 any persons having a claim against or an interest in the Estate of the aforementioned deceased, late of The Manor House, St Hilary, Cowbridge CF71 7DP, who died on 26/08/2014, are required to send particulars thereof in writing to the undersigned Solicitors on or before 04/09/2015, after which date the Estate will be distributed having regard only to claims and interests of which they have had notice.

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Riverlea Tractors Ltd trading as **Riverlea Ltd of Cardigan Road, Crymch, Pembrokeshire, SAH 3QX is applying to change an existing licence as follows:**
• To keep an extra 2 goods vehicles and 2 trailers at the operating centre at **Unit 30, Llandow Industrial Estate, Cowbridge, CF7 7PB**. Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre(s) who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at Hillcrest House, 386 Harehills Lane, Leeds, LS9 6NF, stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice. Representations must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A Guide to Making Representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's office.

DEDDF TRWYDDDEDU 2003

Section 17 (5)
Hysbysiad o Gais am Drwydded
HYSBYSIAD DRWY HYN BOD
Cais wedi'i wneud i Gyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol Pen-y-bont ar Ogwr (yr Awdurdod Trwydded) am
DRWYDDDED MANGRE
i ganiadau gwellweddau trwyddedau y Bwrdeir eu cynnal ar neu oddi ar y llangre a ddangosir isod. Gellir archwilio manylion y cais rhwng: dydd Lun a dydd Iau 0830 tan 1700 o'r gloch a dydd Gwener 0830 tan 1630 o'r gloch yn y Swyddeydd Dineig, Stryd yr Angel, Pen-y-bont ar Ogwr, CF31 4WB neu drwy ffrwyd i wefan yr awdurdod: www.bridgend.gov.uk. Gellir unrhyw awdurdod cyffwrdd neu unrhyw berson arall gyflwyno sylwadau mewn perthynas â'r cais, y dydd eu cyflwyno, yn ystyriededig. I'r cyfeirnod canlynol cyn y dyddiad a ddangosir isod:
Is-adrin Drwyddedau, Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol Pen-y-bont ar Ogwr, y Swyddeydd Dineig, Stryd yr Angel, Pen-y-bont ar Ogwr, CF31 4WB
ENW'R CEISYDD: Harnden Halo
ENW A CHYFIERIAD POST YR EIDDO:
Caroleen Bywyd Pen-y-bont ar Ogwr, Stryd yr Angel, CF31 4AH
DATGANIAD O'R GWETHYRGARDDAU
TRWYDDDEDADWY A FWRIEDIR: (1) Dwyddedau chwaraeon dan do Dydd Lun - dydd Sul 0900 i 2400 Chwarae, Ffilmiau Adoniant patffo neu ymalydd Cerdoriaeth i'w Cyndoriaeth a recordwyd Dydd Lun - dydd Sul 1000 i 2400 Cyflwyni alcohol Dydd Lun - dydd Mawrth 1000 2300 Dydd Iau - dydd Gwener 1000 - 0200 Y DYDDIAD OLAF I GYFLWYNO SYLWADAU: 14/07/2015 Bydd yr hysbysiad hwn yn parhau mewn grym o'r diwedd ar ôl cyflwyni hysbysiad hwn, ac yn cynnwys y diwedd hwnnw, i'r awdurdod trwydded, sef 16/06/2015, am 28 diwrnod yn olynol. Mae'n croeseiddi gweued datganiad anwir yn hiriaduol neu ddamwriadol mewn gysylltiad â chais, i ddwyn uchaf ar ôl collfarn ddiwedd yw £5,000. (1) Rhaid i hyn gynnwys manylion am wellweddau, y math o adoniant a diweddau ac amseroedd prydol

LICENSING ACT 2003

Section 17 (5)
Notice of Application for a Premises Licence
NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT
An application has been made to Bridgend County Borough Council (the Licensing Authority) for a
PREMISES LICENCE
To permit licensable activities which it is proposed will be carried on, on or from the premises shown below.
Details of the application may be inspected between the hours of: Monday to Thursday 0830 to 1700 hours and Friday 0830 to 1630 hours at Civic Offices, Angel Street, Bridgend, CF31 4WB or by visiting the authority's website: www.bridgend.gov.uk. Any responsible authority or any other person may make representations in respect of the application, which must be submitted, in writing, to the following address before the date shown below:
Licensing Section, Bridgend County Borough Council, Civic Offices, Angel Street, Bridgend, CF31 4WB
NAME OF APPLICANT: Halo Leisure
NAME AND POSTAL ADDRESS OF THE PREMISES:
Bridgend Life Centre, Angel Street, Bridgend, CF31 4AH
STATEMENT OF INTENDED LICENSABLE ACTIVITIES: (1) Indoor sporting events Monday, Sunday 0900 2400 Play, Films, Boxing or wrestling entertainment Live music, Recorded music Monday, Sunday 1000 2400 Supply of alcohol Monday, Wednesday 1000 2300 Thursday, Friday 1000 0200
DATE BY WHICH REPRESENTATIONS MUST BE MADE: 14/07/2015
This notice remains in force from and including the day after the giving of this notice to the Licensing Authority, namely 16/06/2015, for 28 consecutive days. It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application. The maximum fine on summary conviction is £5,000. (1) This must include details of activities, type of entertainment and appropriate days and times.

HYSBYSIAD CADARNHAU GORCHYMYN LLWYBR CYHOEDDUS DEDDF PRIFYRDD 1980
CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG (LLWYBR CYHOEDDUS RHIF 39 SAINT ANDRAS)
GORCHYMYN DIDDYMU LLWYBR CYHOEDDUS 2014

Ar 5 Mehefin 2015 cadarnhaodd yr Arolygiaeth Gynllunio y gorchymyn uchod a wnaed o dan adran 118 Deddf Prifffyrdd 1980.

Effaith y gorchymyn fel y'i cadarnhawyd yw diddymu rhan o Lwybr Cyhoeddus Rhif 39 Saint Andras rhwng Lôn Pencoeidre (NGR 31236 17042) a Port Road (NGR 31238 17059) fel y nodwyd yn yr Atodlen ac ar fap y Gorchymyn.

Gosodwyd copi o'r gorchymyn fel y'i cadarnhawyd yn Swyddeydd y Dociau, Dociau'r Barri, Y Barri, CF63 4RT a gallwch ei weld am ddim yno. Gallwch hefyd brynu copi o'r gorchymyn a'r map yno am £4.50.

Daw'r gorchymyn hwn i rym ar 25 Mehefin 2015, ond os hoffai unrhyw un gwestiynu ei ddilysrwydd, neu ddilysrwydd unrhyw ddarpariaeth ynddo, ar sail y ffaith nad yw o fewn pwerau Deddf Prifffyrdd 1980, fel y'i diwygiwyd, neu ar sail y ffaith nad yw'n cydymffurfio ag unrhyw ofnyd yn y Ddeddf, fel y'i diwygiwyd, neu unrhyw reoliad a wnaed o dan y Ddeddf mewn perthynas â'r gorchymyn, gall gyflwyno cais i'r Uchel Lys o dan baragraff 2 o Atodlen 2 i'r Ddeddf fel y'i cymhwysir gan baragraff 5 Atodlen 6 o'r Ddeddf o fewn 6 wythnos i 25 Mehefin 2015.

Dyddiedig 25 Mehefin 2015



NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION OF PUBLIC PATH ORDER HIGHWAYS ACT 1980
THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (PUBLIC FOOTPATH NO 39 ST ANDREWS MAJOR)
PUBLIC PATH EXTINGUISHMENT ORDER 2014

On the 5th June 2015 the Planning Inspectorate confirmed the above order made under section 118 of the Highways Act 1980.

The effect of the order as confirmed is to extinguish part of the Public Footpath No 39 St Andrews Major running from Pencoeidre Lane (NGR 31236 17042) to Port Road (NGR 31238 17059) as set out in the Schedule and shown in the Order map.

A copy of the order as confirmed and the order map have been placed and may be seen free of charge at the Docks Office, Barry Docks, Barry, CF63 4RT. Copies of the order and map may be bought there at a price of £4.50.

This order comes into force on 25th June 2015, but if a person aggrieved by the order wants to question its validity, or that of any provision contained in it, on the ground that it is not within the powers of the Highways Act 1980, as amended, or on the ground that any requirement of the Act, as amended, or of any regulation made under the Act has not been complied with in relation to the order, he or she may, under paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 to the Act as applied by paragraph 5 of Schedule 6 to the Act, within 6 weeks from 25th June 2015 make an application to the High Court.

Dated this 25th June 2015

HYSBYSIAD CADARNHAU GORCHYMYN LLWYBR CYHOEDDUS DEDDF PRIFYRDD 1980
CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG (LLWYBR CYHOEDDUS RHIF 43 SAINT ANDRAS)
GORCHYMYN GWYRO LLWYBR CYHOEDDUS 2014

Ar 5 Mehefin 2015 cadarnhaodd yr Arolygiaeth Gynllunio y gorchymyn uchod a wnaed o dan adran 119 Deddf Prifffyrdd 1980.

Effaith y gorchymyn fel y'i cadarnhawyd yw diddymu rhan o Lwybr Cyhoeddus Rhif 43 Saint Andras rhwng y llwybr y tu ôl i Gwrt Leubren (NGR 31251 17043) a Port Road (NGR 31238 17059) fel y nodwyd yn yr Atodlen ac ar fap y Gorchymyn.

Gosodwyd copi o'r gorchymyn fel y'i cadarnhawyd yn Swyddeydd y Dociau, Dociau'r Barri, Y Barri, CF63 4RT a gallwch ei weld am ddim yno ystod oriau swyddfa arferol. Gallwch hefyd brynu copi o'r gorchymyn a'r map yno am £4.50.

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Dyddiedig 25 Mehefin 2015



NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION OF PUBLIC PATH ORDER HIGHWAYS ACT 1980
THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (PUBLIC FOOTPATH NO 43 ST ANDREWS MAJOR)
PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION ORDER 2014

On the 5th June 2015 the Planning Inspectorate confirmed the above order made under section 119 of the Highways Act 1980.

The effect of the order as confirmed is to divert part of the Public Footpath No 43 St Andrews Major running from the path to the rear of Gwrt Leubren, Pencoeidre (NGR 31251 17043) to Port Road (NGR 31238 17059) as set out in the Schedule and shown in the Order map.

A copy of the order as confirmed and the order map have been placed and may be seen free of charge at the Docks Office, Barry Docks, Barry, CF63 4RT during normal office hours. Copies of the order and map may be bought there at a price of £4.50.

This order comes into force on 25th June 2015, but if a person aggrieved by the order wants to question its validity, or that of any provision contained in it, on the ground that it is not within the powers of the Highways Act 1980, as amended, or on the ground that any requirement of the Act, as amended, or of any regulation made under the Act has not been complied with in relation to the order, he or she may, under paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 to the Act as applied by paragraph 5 of Schedule 6 to the Act, within 6 weeks from 25th June 2015 make an application to the High Court.

Dated this 25th June 2015

Church hosts band from Louisiana

ON Monday, June 29 at 7.30pm, Vale Church is pleased to be hosting First West Band and Team Impact again this year at the Duke of Wellington, Cowbridge.

This is their fourth appearance in Cowbridge and they have always put on a great show. Entry is free and the bar will be open in the function room.

FWB play a mixture of jazz, blues and rock classics and the event is suitable for the whole family. Team Impact will also be performing their amazing feats of strength. We are hoping to see Randall again who

impressed with his incredible biceps two years ago.

Our guests are part of a team of 50 volunteers who come from Monroe, Louisiana, every year and put on events in schools, care homes, clubs and various other community projects.

FWB and the rest of the team have a great reputation in Bridgend, where the schools look forward to them coming back every year.

We get the impression that performing in Cowbridge is the highlight of their week so please come along and support. You can follow them on Facebook at Bridgend Louisiana Partnership.

Alun Griffiths

News from 1st Penmark with Porthkerry Scout Group

1ST Penmark with Porthkerry Scout Group have been busy as usual.

The Beaver colony got to join with the Beaver District group at Porthkerry Country Park on May 30 for a fun day.

It saw over 80 Beaver Scouts joining with different fun activities and getting to meet and mix with other children in the district.

This district event was repeated on June 6, but this time for the Cub Scouts. Again, there were around 85 Cubs having fun with assault courses, rope trails, scramble nets and bug hunting.

1st Penmark with Porthkerry Cub Scouts have also really started on their year of adventure activities and have visited World of Boats in Cardiff Bay and had a look behind the scenes at Tesco, Barry. They braved the -29 degree



freezer, ate some fruit, bread and cheese and sugared a doughnut.

1st Penmark with Porthkerry Beavers have been learning about First Aid and taking care of their teddy bears.

1st Penmark with Porthkerry Scout Group went to Llancarfan School, helping to cut back some bushes and looked at bushcraft techniques to help them

on their survival camp next month. They are also planning a Brecon expedition with a sleepover in the mountains and the Scouts have been planning route cards for this.

Additionally, they are taking part in a six-week kayak course.

The Scout section is looking for adult helpers so if you have a couple of hours to spare each week,

they would love to hear from you.

They meet on a Thursday evening at 7pm usually in the Penkerry hut in Rhooose.

Work continues on the 1st Penmark with Porthkerry Scout hut, 'Penkerry', with a productive work day having taken place on June 14. Thank you to all parents and helpers who turned up to assist.

Vale model boat club offers warm welcome to its new members

RIGHT: The club's new banner – it welcomes new members, both men and women.



THE Vale Of Glamorgan Model Boat Club proudly accepted the new club banner from sponsors 'Graphics2Wrap' based in Llandow, Cowbridge.

A club spokesman said: "We are very grateful to Gary and Mandy Rogers at Graphics2Wrap for their support and the sponsorship of the club, kindly supplying magnetic signs and

banner.

"Whether it is sailing model yachts to scale ships and boats, the members have a variety of skills in building and sailing and are always ready to assist others when asked.

"Just recently, member's wife Carole Davies was on hand to give some instruction on sailing a model yacht to a club member new to yacht sailing. It was much appreciated and great to see the

ladies getting involved."

Newly formed in March this year, the Vale Of Glamorgan Model Boat Club has quickly expanded and now has 25 members registered.

Sailing at the Cold Knap Lake, Barry, the club meets every Tuesday and Saturday from 10am to 1pm (weather permitting). For more information on the club visit www.vgmbo.org or tel 07790 590714.

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Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act, 1990

Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012

Development that may affect a Conservation Area/ Datblygu a allai effeithio ar Ardal Gadwraeth

Application No:/
Rhif y cais: 2015/00594/FUL
Proposal/Cynnyg: Proposed two storey side extension and internal alterations to create garage/utility with ensuite bedroom above
Location/Lleoliad: 1, Well Walk, The Knap, Barry
Conservation Area:/
Ardal Gadwraeth Barry (Marine)

Listed Building Consent/Caniatâd Adeilad Rhestredig

Application No:/
Rhif y cais: 2015/00171/LBC
Proposal/Cynnyg: Please see schedule of works, as well as the list below: Pompeii Garden - Remove cement pointing to walls, repoint in lime. Reinstatement a tiled surface to the look out seats. Remove cement render and replaster in lime the curved wall behind the seat, install weepholes. Repair/rebuild/replaster the pompeii temple front, reinstate lead flashings, reinstate cast iron gutters. Paved court - Lift and relay broken flagstones in lime mortar. Remove cement pointing, re point in lime mortar area by the dripping pool, remove section of wall and lattice work and rebuild in lime, remove cement plaster in dripping pond and plaster in lime. Reflecting pool - Remove and rebuild steps to right hand side of pool, rebuild the stone planters, Remove planting section to top of steps and re lay pavings, replace handrails, remove cement pointing to walls and replace with lime mortar, lift and relay broken flagstones.
Location/Lleoliad: Dyffryn Gardens, Dyffryn Lane, Dyffryn

Listed Building:/
Adeilad Rhestredig Grade II

Application No:/
Rhif y cais: 2015/00259/LBC
Proposal/Cynnyg: Renovation and upgrading of existing windows, to include installation of slimline double glazing
Location/Lleoliad: Springbank Nursing Home, College Road, Barry

Listed Building:/
Adeilad Rhestredig Grade II

Application No:/
Rhif y cais: 2015/00578/LBC
Proposal/Cynnyg: Construction of new porch and replacement of fenestration
Location/Lleoliad: The Sages, Colwinston

Listed Building:/
Adeilad Rhestredig Grade II

Application No:/
Rhif y cais: 2015/00579/FUL
Proposal/Cynnyg: Construction of new garage
Location/Lleoliad: The Sages, Colwinston

Listed Building:/
Adeilad Rhestredig Grade II

Application No:/
Rhif y cais: 2015/00671/LBC
Proposal/Cynnyg: New signage, ATM and alteration works
Location/Lleoliad: Natwest, 2, Plymouth Road, Penarth

Listed Building:/
Adeilad Rhestredig Grade II

Application(s) of General Interest/ Ceisiadau o Ddiddordeb Cyffredinol

Application No:/
Rhif y cais: 2015/00632/FUL
Proposal/Cynnyg: Construction of solar photovoltaic park with attendant infrastructure
Location/Lleoliad: Cwm Derwyn Farm, Weycock Road, Barry

Application No:/
Rhif y cais: 2015/00662/FUL
Proposal/Cynnyg: Proposed residential development for 20 dwellings and associated highway and ancillary works
Location/Lleoliad: Land to the east of Mink Hollow, St. Nicholas

May affect a Public Right of Way/ Gall effeithio ar Hawl Tramwy Cyhoeddus

Application No:/
Rhif y cais: 2015/00573/FUL
Proposal/Cynnyg: Construction of a pv solar farm for the production of electricity comprising solar panels mounted on fixed frames with associated infrastructure and buildings (including gravel tracks, cabling, security monitoring system, transformers, inverters, substations, and ancillary equipment), security fencing and gates, landscaping and temporary construction access.
Location/Lleoliad: Biglis Farm, Barry

Application No:/
Rhif y cais: 2015/00626/FUL
Proposal/Cynnyg: Barn conversion, access and curtilage
Location/Lleoliad: Heol Gerrig Farm, St. Mary Hill

Application No:/
Rhif y cais: 2015/00632/FUL
Proposal/Cynnyg: Construction of solar photovoltaic park with attendant infrastructure
Location/Lleoliad: Cwm Derwyn Farm, Weycock Road, Barry

Application No:/
Rhif y cais: 2015/00638/FUL
Proposal/Cynnyg: Removal of condition 2 of Planning Permission 2014/00954/FUL relating to pedestrian barrier
Location/Lleoliad: 36, Robinswood Crescent, Penarth

Application No:/
Rhif y cais: 2015/00662/FUL
Proposal/Cynnyg: Proposed residential development for 20 dwellings and associated highway and ancillary works
Location/Lleoliad: Land to the east of Mink Hollow, St. Nicholas

Details may be inspected for 21 days at the address given below, or via <http://vonline.planning-register.co.uk/>

Gall manylion eu harchwilio am 21 diwrnod yn y cyfeiriad a roddir isod, neu drwy <http://vonline.planning-register.co.uk/>

Dated / Dyddiedig: 25 June, 2015

M. Goldsworthy
Operational Manager Development & Building Control,
Vale of Glamorgan Council, Dock Office, Barry. CF63 4RT

Anniversary at Amelia Trust



ASDA presented a cheque to the Amelia Trust.

A RE-UNION event at Amelia Trust Farm took place on Saturday, June 20, with over 100 supporters, staff and volunteers from the last 25 years paying a visit.

"Our 25th anniversary is a wonderful opportunity for us to look back and celebrate the great work that has been done, while at the same time looking forward to new developments and continuing to grow this work over the next 25 years," said Amelia Trust director, Karen Turnbull.

"We want to reach out and embrace as many people as possible in our celebratory year. The incorporation date for Amelia Trust Farm was on September 20, 1990, and the first staff moved onto the site in July 1991.

We are planning a number of different events over the next 12 months to mark our anniversary, including a special Harvest event on

September 26."

The work of Amelia Trust relies heavily on volunteers and donations to deliver alternative education interventions to change the lives of vulnerable and disadvantaged young people for whom the school system is not working.

It also provides community engagement through access to facilities in a natural environment, such as working in partnership with Field Days Organic. The farm is open to the general public seven days a week so that they can enjoy the therapeutic countryside and woodland walks.

The new ASDA store in Barry donated £400 to the Amelia Trust Farm to cover the costs of the reunion event.

"We are delighted to be able to support such a worthy cause. Amelia Trust does great work in our local community," said Lynette Griffin from ASDA.

PACT MEETINGS

COURT PACT at the Witchill Community Hall, Dyfan Road, Barry, on Thursday, June 25 at 6pm.

RHOOSE Coffee and Chat with PCSO Angela Stone at the Six Bells Public House, Penmark, on Friday, June 26 at 11am.

PLYMOUTH PACT at Brockhill Rise Community Centre, Penarth, on Wednesday, July 1 at 6.30pm.

BUTTRILLS PACT at Barry Town Council Offices, Gladstone Road, Barry (side of the Memorial Hall) on Thursday, July 9 at 6.30pm.

GIBBONS DOWN PACT at the Residents' Board, Coychurch Rise, Barry, on Tuesday, July 14 at 10.30am.



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RHOOSE £189,995 Showle Acre, CF62 3HZ FREEHOLD, THREE BEDROOMS INTEGRAL GARAGE OPEN VIEWS TO THE REAR	LLANTWIT MAJOR £206,500 Eagleswell Road, CF61 2UG DETACHED, 4 BEDROOMS FRONT AND REAR GARDEN GARAGE	LLANTWIT MAJOR Reduced to £215,000 College Street, CF61 1SG OLD LLANTWIT MAJOR, TWO BEDROOMS MANY PERIODIC FEATURES, BUOU PROPERTY EPC-D	LLANTWIT MAJOR Reduced To £249,995 Llanmaes Road, CF61 2XF 4 BEDROOMS, LARGE RECEPTION ROOM, SOUTHERLY GARDEN, OFF ROAD PARKING	PONTYCLUN £265,000 Ynysbryn Close, CF72 8AX OFF ROAD PARKING, DETACHED NO ONWARD CHAIN, FREEHOLD, GAS CENTRAL HEATING THREE BEDROOMS, EN-SUITE	LLANTWIT MAJOR £345,000 West Street, CF61 1SP THREE/FOUR BEDROOMS OAK DOORS, WINDOWS AND CABINETS THROUGHOUT FLAGSTONE FLOORING, MANY PERIOD FEATURES

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**JENNER ROAD, BARRY - £194,950**

Three bedrooms, bay fronted, situated in the West end of Barry. Comprising: Porch. Hallway. Lounge. Dining room. Kitchen/breakfast room. Bathroom. UPVC double glazing. Gas central heating. Enclosed gardens to front and rear. Garage. Partial, far reaching sea views. EPC rating: D.

**TYNEWYDD ROAD, BARRY - £310,000**

Five double bedroom semi detached benefiting from far reaching views across Bristol Channel coastline beyond. Comprising: Entrance porch. Hallway. Lounge. Dining room. Kitchen. Sitting room. Summer room. Family bathroom, two en suites and cloakroom. UPVC double glazing. Gas central heating. Beautifully maintained gardens to side and rear. Driveway and Garage. Close to all local amenities. EPC rating: E.

**DOVEY CLOSE, CWM TALWG WAY, BARRY - £199,950**

Well presented two double bedroom chalet bungalow set on a corner plot. Comprising: Entrance hall. Cloakroom. Open plan lounge/dining room. Kitchen/dining family room. Bathroom. Double glazing. Gas central heating. Enclosed gardens to front, side and rear. Driveway. Detached garage. Close to schools and public transport. EPC rating: E.

**ST BRANNOCKS CLOSE, BARRY - £204,950**

Three bedroom detached bungalow, property built on a four bedroom specification, comprising: Hallway. Lounge/dining room. Kitchen. Small summer room. Wet room. Separate w/c. UPVC double glazing. Gas central heating. Gardens to front and rear. Driveway. NO CHAIN. EPC rating: D.

**TY PICA DRIVE, WENVOE - £275,000**

Three bedroom detached bungalow. Comprising: Entrance porch. Hallway. Cloakroom. Living room. Modern fitted kitchen/diner. Bathroom. Gas central heating. Majority UPVC double glazing. Gardens to front and rear. Driveway. Garage. EPC rating: C.

**ST OSYTH COURT, BARRY - £148,500**

Semi detached bungalow located in the west end of Barry with panoramic views. Comprising: Hallway. Lounge. Kitchen. Two double bedrooms. Bathroom. Separate w/c. Low maintenance enclosed patio area and small enclosed garden area to side. UPVC double glazing. Gas central heating. Allocated parking space. EPC rating: D.

**PONTYPRIDD ROAD, BARRY - £279,995**

Three double bedroom detached bungalow set on a generous plot, situated within the desirable West end of Barry. Comprising: Entrance porch. Hallway. Lounge/dining room. Kitchen. Utility room. Bathroom. UPVC double glazing. Gas central heating. Large, enclosed rear garden. Driveway providing off road parking. EPC rating: D.

**NANT TALWG WAY, BARRY - £265,000**

Detached family residence situated in the West end of Barry. Comprising: Entrance hallway. Cloakroom. Living room. Dining room. Modern fitted kitchen. To the first floor: four bedrooms and family bathroom. Driveway. Carport and single garage. Enclosed garden. UPVC double glazing and gas central heating. EPC rating: C.

**CASTLELAND STREET, BARRY - £149,950**

Four bedroom bay fronted comprising: Entrance hallway. Living room. Modern fitted kitchen. Downstairs bathroom with separate shower cubicle. Cloakroom to first floor. UPVC double glazing. Gas central heating. Enclosed, low maintenance rear garden. Forecourt to front. EPC rating: D.

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**LLANMEAD GARDENS, RHOSCE - £184,950**

Three bedroom detached residence. Comprising: Hallway. Living room. Kitchen/breakfast room. Downstairs w/c. Bathroom and en suite shower room to master bedroom. UPVC d/g. GCH. Enclosed rear garden. Driveway and Single garage. EPC rating: C.

**HEOL BROADLANDS, THE WATERFRONT, BARRY - £107,500**

Two bedroom, second floor apartment situated on the popular Waterfront development. Comprising: Communal hallway. UPVC double glazing. Kitchen. Bathroom. UPVC D/G. Two parking spaces. NO CHAIN. EPC rating: C.

**GLANYDWR, THE WATERFRONT, BARRY - £119,950**

Two bedroom second floor apartment situated on the popular Waterfront development. Comprising: Communal hallway. Entrance hallway. Living room with wrap around balcony enjoying panoramic views. Kitchen. Bathroom and en suite shower room. Car parking to front and rear. EPC rating: C.

**AMORELLA HOUSE, THE WATERFRONT, BARRY - £145,000**

Well presented larger than average top floor duplex apartment set over two floors. Comprising: Hallway. Lounge with French doors to balcony. Modern kitchen/diner, bathroom and bedroom. Second floor with Master Bedroom. Shower room and Storage room. Balcony. UPVC double glazing. Electric heating. Two allocated parking spaces. No chain. EPC rating: C.

**ROMILLY VIEWS, BARRY - £185,950**

Two bedroom ground floor apartment set in exclusive gated community in the desirable West end of Barry. Comprising: Communal entrance. Hallway. Open plan lounge/diner/kitchen. Bathroom and en suite to master bedroom. Double glazing and under floor gas central heating. Patio area. Allocated parking and overflow parking. Communal grounds. EPC rating: B.

**GLANHAFFRA, THE KNAP, BARRY - £229,950**

A beach side apartment with panoramic views with well maintained communal gardens. Comprising: Communal hallway. Hallway. Lounge/dining room. Kitchen. Three bedrooms. Shower room with separate w/c. Garage. Parking on site. EPC rating: E.

**SMALL HOLDINGS, PORT ROAD WEST, BARRY - £235,000**

Built in 1911, this four bedroom semi detached residence set on a generous, plot situated on the desirable Port Road West. Comprising: Entrance hallway. Two reception rooms. Kitchen. Utility area. First floor bathroom. UPVC double glazing. Gas central heating. Beautiful, mature enclosed gardens to front and rear. Viewing highly recommended to appreciate property's potential to extend and grounds. EPC rating: E.

**CROSSFIELDS, BARRY - £179,950**

Three bedroom semi detached property situated in the desirable West end of Barry. Accommodation briefly comprising: Entrance hallway. Two reception rooms. Kitchen. Utility area with w/c. Bathroom to first floor. Double glazing. Gas central heating. Well maintained gardens to front and rear. Driveway. Garage. Close by to local amenities including schools, bus routes, Porthkerry Country Park and Park Crescent and High Street shops. EPC rating: D.

**ROMILLY ROAD, BARRY - £299,950**

Five bedroom, three storey, semi detached situated in the West end of Barry enjoying panoramic views. Comprising: Entrance hallway. Lounge. Dining room. Kitchen/breakfast room. Lean to storage area with w/c to the ground floor. Three bedrooms and family bathroom to the first floor. Further two bedrooms to the second floor. Majority UPVC double glazing. Gas central heating. Mature gardens front and rear. Two storey coach house/garage. Energy rating: E.



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Heol Y Cyw • £520,000

An attractive 17 acre small-holding comprising an individually designed house (built 2004), gardens and paddocks, plus a range of traditional farm buildings including a conversion to a party room.

The house has gas-fired underfloor heating and comprises 3 reception rooms, fitted kitchen, utility, shower room, 3 sizeable bedrooms, spacious shower/bathroom and en-suite shower room. The property is situated near Heol Y Cyw - a small village just five minutes from Pencoed and J35 of the M4. EPC Rating – D



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Plenty of choice for local people as Maesteg Festival offers lots of fun and entertainment

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THE town of Maesteg has continued to be busy, with a wide range of events taking place during festival week.

Senior citizens were entertained by pupils from local primary schools while they enjoyed an afternoon cream tea.

On Saturday, crowds turned out for the ever-popular Friends of Maesteg Hospital Fete, while in the evening there was an evening of high energy dance in the town hall from three local groups: Contagious, Funk Force and UDC.



A stall at the Friends of Maesteg Hospital Fete.



The Mayor visiting the art competition.



ABOVE: Cwmfelin Primary pupils.



Llangynwyd Primary pupils sang for local pensioners.



ABOVE:
Every Mayor has to be non-partisan and politically balanced!



ABOVE: Nantyffyllon Primary pupils entertaining the pensioners.

Maesteg Festival has song, dance, art and a myriad of attractions for people in the town

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THE ever-popular Friends of Maesteg Hospital Fete attracted plenty of stall-holders once again.

As a bonus, there was street entertainment too, including a unicyclist (pictured right).

There was quality work on display at an art competition, and the winners are pictured (far right).



ABOVE: The winners of the art competition with the Mayor and Mayoress.



The dance group UDC.



Funk Force perform at the dance evening.

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Keith E Morgan.

RIGHT: (Front row), Mrs Gretta Rogers and Madeleine Moon MP. Second row: Coun Gina Hooper, chair of Pyle Community Council and Coun Kay John, past chair of Pyle Community Council.

AS part of Pyle and Kenfig Hill Festival Week, St Theodore's Church held a service of thanksgiving on Sunday, June 21.

The service was led by Rev Jonathan Durley, Priest-in-Charge, parish of Kenfig Hill, and Rev Len Grabham, Minister, Pisgah Chapel.

In attendance were: Coun Gina Hooper, chair of Pyle Community

Council; Madeleine Moon MP, and Coun Richard Young, Mayor of Bridgend County Borough and other local councillors.

The retiring headteacher at Mynydd Cynffig Infants School, Mrs Amanda Stanton, received a presentation to acknowledge her retirement. The standard bearers were from 2117 Sqn Kenfig Hill ATC.



Left to right: Fiona Morris, Carwyn Jones AM, Edwina White (director of Ty Elis) and Dr David Parry (trustee of Ty Elis).

Local counselling service is welcomed to The Senedd

BRIDGEND AM Carwyn Jones recently hosted an event for the Ty Elis Counselling Service at the Senedd in Cardiff Bay.

Based in Porthcawl, Ty Elis is a charity that has been in practice since 1996 and provides counselling and psychotherapy services. The aim of the event was to raise the profile of the organisation and to draw attention to the work of the 40 counsellors who work to improve the mental wellbeing of individuals in need.

At the event, Ty Elis staff had an opportunity to speak to Assembly Members about their charity and about their free therapeutic counselling service. They also had an opportunity to discuss their proposals for their new mental wellbeing in the workplace

training and their diploma in therapeutic practice.

Mr Jones said: "I was delighted to host this important event at the Senedd. It was a great opportunity for the charity to raise its profile and to promote their services. I would also like to pay tribute to all those who volunteer at Ty Elis and provide such a valuable and worthwhile service".

Fiona Morris, executive officer at Ty Elis said: "We had the opportunity to speak to many Assembly Members and support staff about the services that we offer, in particular raising the need for funds to support our counselling service and informing them of our new workplace mental wellbeing training that we can offer businesses. We would like to thank Carwyn Jones AM for hosting this event at the Assembly".

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Peacefully on June 16 at his home in St. Athan, Ernest aged 94 years, beloved husband of the late Helene.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W James & Sons, Ffônnon. Funeral Tuesday, June 30, service and cremation 12 noon at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry.

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PHILLIPS

Jane Michelle

Jane sadly passed away on June 19 at University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff, after a short illness fought with great courage and dignity. An adored mum of Lewis, cherished daughter to Bill & Maxine. A devoted sister and best friend to Antony and Gail, respected sister-in-law of Chris.

Jane will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

Family have requested a private service be held. Donations and personal tributes, if desired, may be made via Jane's online tribute page at www.valefuneralservice.co.uk to support Cancer Research Wales in her memory.

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EGERTON

Syd

Peacefully on Wednesday, June 17, 2015 at Llandough Hospital, aged 90 years, surrounded by his family. Syd, beloved husband of Mavis and much loved father of Jean, Paul and Anne. Father-in-law to Rick, Angela and Steve and loving grandfather and great grandfather. *Will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.*

Resting at A.J. Stone & Ham Funeral Home, 1A Neville Street, Canton, Cardiff until the service at St. Peter's Church, Dinas Powys on Tuesday, July 7 at 11am, afterwards at Cardiff & the Vale Crematorium, Barry at 12 noon. Family flowers only by request, donations, if so desired, may be sent to the British Legion c/o the funeral home.

DAXON

David

Passed away peacefully in Princess of Wales Hospital on June 13 after a short illness. The much loved husband of Carol and father of Ruth and Luke.

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Audrey was a respected Elder of the Presbyterian Church of Wales, a former Secretary of the Barry Council of Churches, Treasurer of the Inner Wheel Club of Barry and for many years a Senior Mathematics Teacher in Llanelli, Barry Girls' County and Bryn Hafren schools. She was a skilled seamstress and landscape painter. Her love of choral music ensured she derived great pleasure from being a founder Chorister with the Barry Choral Society. *Audrey will be greatly missed by her family and friends.*

Grateful thanks go to the doctors of Waterfront Medical Centre, the staff and carers of Orchard House, Barry, the doctors and nurses of various wards in UHW Heath and Llandough, the Vale of Glamorgan Council Carers and, latterly, the nurses and staff of College Fields Nursing Home.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeral Home until the Service at Coychurch Crematorium at 10.30am on Friday, July 3; followed by a Service of Thanksgiving for Audrey's life at Zoar Presbyterian Church, Bonvilston at 12 midday.

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Christine

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Resting at W.A. Brown & Son, Llantwit Major, until the service at Coychurch Crematorium on Monday 29th June at 3.15pm.

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Phyl will be sadly missed by all of her family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams & Son Funeral Home, Gladstone Road, Barry until the funeral on Monday, June 29. Service in the chapel at 11am, afterwards cremation at Barry Crematorium. Family flowers only, if desired, donations may be handed to the funeral director for British Heart Foundation.

EDWARDS

John

On 20th June 2015, suddenly at UHW, aged 80 years, beloved husband of Peggy, father to Christopher, father-in-law to Barbara and grandfather to Rhys, Aled, Huw and Megan.

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The event seems to be certain to be held again next year, although it is thought that discussions over the extensive road closures that were evident this year will be taking place.

In Cardiff, however, where Glyn Evans took these pictures, there were smiles everywhere!





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Disappointing loss for Pencoed CC

PENCOED Cricket returned to league action on Saturday at home to Ton Pentre.

The team were missing several players due to work and holidays and gave debuts to Chris Young and Paul Drayton. Pencoed won the toss and asked Ton Pentre to bat first, which seemed a good decision when Young made an impressive start with four quick wickets to leave Ton Pentre in trouble at 52-4.

Aided by some poor bowling and some undisciplined fielding Ton Pentre were able to recover and post 228-8, with Young the pick of the bowlers with five wickets.

With over 70 extras against them Pencoed should really have restricted Ton Pentre to a more manageable score. In response Pencoed lost both openers cheaply and only Martin Mills with 25 and skipper James Smith with an elegant 50 offered any resistance and Pencoed were all out for 146.

Despite the defeat it was good to see two new players making their



debut for the club as well as the return of two other players from last season. Youngster Ben Ashton returning alongside club legend Graham Davies who was coaxed out of retirement.

Pencoed will hope to return to winning ways this week away to Welsh Asians and are always on the lookout for new players to join the club either at adult or youth level; if interested contact Martin Mills on 07890 625936.

MM



Men bowlers just miss out on victory

LLANTWIT MAJOR men's bowlers' Munro cup match on Wednesday evening was played in unpleasant conditions of rain and mist.

Despite this it was a friendly game against Romilly played in the right spirit; Llantwit won on three rinks but still lost the match, 56-59.

Graham Jones' rink, after losing the first end, were never again behind against the Mel Newman-led rink in a close contested match. Llantwit won the final two ends to win by four shots.

Steve Booker's rink, in another close game, took the lead on the third end when they scored three shots. Another three shots on the 14th end gave them a cushion, allowing them to win by two shots.

Arthur Hayes' rink lost their winning streak against a strong Romilly rink skipped by Graham Cogbill.

Llantwit were seven shots down after three ends after scoring two shots on the fourth end; Llantwit went further behind when Romilly scored another six shots over the next three ends, and Llantwit managed only eight more shots for the rest of the game to go down quite heavily.

Neville Young's rink were four shots down after seven ends; a change of length jack by Llantwit brought dividends, taking the lead on the 12th end scoring three shots. Llantwit won the final two ends to win by four shots.

Llantwit's league fixture on Saturday was against close neighbours Cowbridge.

Always a friendly game, this did not extend to the result, with Llantwit maintaining their unbeaten run in the league, sending Cowbridge home empty handed, losing on all rinks, 106-52.

Charles Hiscock's rink were the top scoring rink, 10 shots up after three ends including a six on the second end. Another 14 shots over five ends midway through the match piled on the agony with Llantwit finally winning by 26 shots.

Graham Jones' rink took a seven shot lead after five ends while always in control of the game; Llantwit won without playing at their best by nine shots.

Steve Booker's rink had an exciting and close game, trailing by six shots after eight ends; Llantwit were still in arrears until they drew level on the 18th end before going behind again on the next end.

A super shot by Tom Ingvroville on the final end clinched the win for Llantwit by one shot.

Neville Young's rink scored five shots on the third end which put them in front. A further six shots on the sixth end put Llantwit 10 shots ahead and Cowbridge were only able to score six single shots for the rest of the game to lose by 18 shots.

NY

Centurions are beaten by the Duckworth-Lewis method!

SULLY Centurions' first XI took the long trip to Brecon and were unlucky to lose out to the hosts after a frustrating day of rain delays.

Batting first, Centurions made a decent start but after reaching 100 there was a big collapse, going from 102 for 3 to 134 all out. Shaee Ellis continued his good run of form with the bat to register 50, but only three others made it into double figures.

The rain was to prove a constant factor in both innings and eventually the umpires had to revert to the use of the Duckworth-Lewis method to get a result.

The home side made a poor start, with Lloyd Bruce (2 for 37) and Santosh (1 for 6) reducing Brecon to 31 for 3 after 9 overs. But Phillips (29 not out) and Williams (22 not out) steadied the ship and eventually reached the revised target of 101 in the 22nd over.

Brecon 101 for 3, Sully Centurions 134 all out (Brecon win via D/L method).

The seconds lost two players due to last minute unavailability so took to the field against Dinas Powys with just nine men.

The visitors batted first and made 58 for the first wicket, when Luke Burnett bowled Colley for 19.

Then Preston (56) was joined by Wingren and the pair put on another 34 before Burnett struck again in the 14th over, having Wingren caught for 11.

Josh Bryan removed Preston with the score on 104 to give Centurions some hope, but another

half century stand gave Dinas the advantage.

Wickets began to fall but the runs kept on coming and the visitors racked up an impressive 314 all out.

For Sully, Ricky Griffith (3 for 65) was the main wicket taker, with support from Iwan Thomas (2 for 31) and Luke Burnett (2 for 54).

After tea Centurions set about their reply with makeshift opening pair Ricky Griffith (10) and Steve Morse (28) putting on 19, followed by a stand of 33 between Morse and Bryan.

But 52 for 2 became 105 all out, as the wickets began to tumble. A bit of resistance from Jason Hicks (19) at the end helped the score along, but the game was all over in the 33rd over when Dave Sylvester was out LBW to Marlow for 3.

Sully Centurions 1105 all out, Dinas Powys 1134 all out.

WEEKEND TEAMS

Saturday, first XI (away v Welsh Asians), meet at Rhosce at 11.30am - L Bruce, Q Ferdouz, S Singh, B Spear, S Shokeen, A Kulkarni, S Ellis, T Davies, O Sullivan, P Chaudhary, J Haswell, M Williams, G Sullivan, G Thomas.

Second XI (home v Malpas II), meet at ground at 11.45am - (from) DW Sylvester, R Griffith, I Thomas, L Pyke, G Hicks, E Fiddler, M Burnett, L Burnett, J Wooden, J Bryan, S Morse, P Harrison, M Fisher, P Fisher, M Fiddler, E Davies.

Sunday: Welsh Cup vs Penarth (away, 1.30pm start), could all players contact Lloyd Bruce with your availability. MF

Good result for Millwood

MILLWOOD played hosts to Penarth Windsor in the seventh game of the Munro Cup, and came out winning with a margin of 15 shots, 90-75, even playing two of the rinks a man down! A bit of a good result it must be said!

With the score at 20-20 in favour of Millwood after five ends, Penarth had to try their best to reduce the deficit, but after 10 ends had been played the Millwood lead had increased to 45 shots to 24.

As the game progressed, the next five ends saw no change in Millwood's lead, still at 67-46. In the final quarter of the game, Penarth Windsor managed to steal back some shots off

the Millwood lead, but alas not enough change the outcome of this encounter, which saw Millwood win by the 15 shot total.

Credit must go to the rink skipped by D. Gorringer for a 20 shot gap, plus the fact that Millwood were a man short on two of the four rinks!

Well played Millwood - we stand now at played 7, won 5, lost 2, keep it up lads! JH

BRIDGE RESULTS

RESULTS for the Vale of Glamorgan bridge club for June 22:

1st Liam Sheridan & John Beard 63.19%, 2nd Mike Best & Kevin Maddox 62.96%, 3rd Debbie & Dave Lea 62.50%.

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PARK LIONS END SEASON ON HIGH



Park Lions under-16s.

PARK Lions under-16s rounded off their final season of junior football with a successful tournament.

They played in the Canton Rangers tournament and only conceded two goals in seven games, which earned them a well deserved third place.

They are currently looking for players aged 16/17 to strengthen their squad; boys must be under 18 on August 31.

If you are interested in finding out more please contact Kim on 01446 738486 or 07772 955635.

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MIXED WEEK FOR ROMILLY BOWLERS

A mixed week for Barry Romilly Bowling Club with wins in the Munro Cup, a good result by the A team away to Cyfarthfa Castle at Merthyr and a close but disappointing loss by the club side in the Carruthers Shield.

Barry Romilly club side entertained a strong team from Kidwelly in the first round proper of the FA Cup of bowls at Romilly Park. The opposition turned up by coach with a number of supporters who were vociferous in their support of their team and the Kidwelly players were also in high spirits during the game, helping each other with praise when good bowls were delivered.

In the early ends the game was tight with all Romilly rinks holding the initial charge made by their opponents and were just behind by the fifth end by just four shots. As the game progressed the game remained close overall with the rinks of Fred Phillips and Graham Cogbill both level at the end of the 10th at 7-7 and 9-9 respectively.

The other rinks of Mel Newman and Jeff Wright were having different games, Newman being down by 11 shots but Wright's rink balancing the situation leading by 8 shots, leaving the overall match very much in the balance at 32-35.

Newman's rink, although playing well, were against an inspired Kidwelly skip Colin Jones who was bowling superbly, turning over head after head with his last bowl and by the 15th end Romilly had won just four ends to Kidwelly's 11.

In the other games the rink of Phillips were battling hard and were holding a two shot advantage at the 15th end while Wright's rink had moved on to a nine shot lead, but Cogbill's rink had fallen three shots behind against a Kidwelly rink skipped by current Welsh international David Kingdom.

Going into the final ends the game was finely balanced at 45-49 in favour of the visitors; unfortunately although the 'Rom' players were fighting hard to turn the game around with Wright's rink picking up shots, the advantage was lost as Newman's rink dropped six shots over the last three ends once again due to the opposition skip bowling superb shots, leaving the Romilly rink to watch, unable to do anything about it.

On Phillips' rink, on the last two ends similarly while holding counts of five and a three, the skip drew shot on

both ends, nullifying the possibility of an overall win.

The other rinks of Wright and Cogbill also played well but just could not attain enough shots as the Kidwelly side closed out the game, eventually winning by six shots, 54-70.

The game was played in good spirit and this continued after the game in the clubhouse where both sets of players along with supporters enjoyed the buffet and the bar facilities.

The Romilly A team travelled to Merthyr to play Cyfarthfa Castle in their fourth game of the season hoping to get a result to keep them at the top of the fifth division.

In previous seasons the 'Rom' have struggled against the Castle but this season Romilly have been strengthened by new players joining the club and are playing with the confidence of a team pushing for promotion.

This game was arguably going to be the hardest this season away from home so it was imperative that the 'Rom' got off to flying start and this they did going ahead by 12 shots by the fifth end; all Romilly rinks were ahead at this stage except Andrew Hatcher's rink who were level at 3-3.

The game remained positive in Romilly's favour and at the 10th end they had moved ahead by 18 shots, 43-25, mainly due to skip Tony Freeman's rink with Colin Davies, Mike Gronow and Bob Wyatt all bowling superbly, helping their rink to a 13 shot advantage at this stage.

The home team were not going to allow Romilly to dictate and as expected, from the 11th end the Castle players upped their game but by the 15th end had only reduced their deficit by three shots thanks to Freeman's rink, who continued to bowl well and now led by 17 shots.

The other Romilly rinks were now under severe pressure and were struggling to hold on to their lead; fortunately Freeman's rink continued to pick up shots and were 23 shots ahead at the final end.

Alfie Woodcock's rink, who had led up to the 16th end, fell behind by three shots but then picked up four shots on the last two ends to run out winners by just one shot.

The rinks of Andrew Hatcher and Howard Jones dropped 12 shots between them in the final ends but the 'Rom' had enough shots in the bag to hold on by five shots, winning overall by 76-71, and with two rinks winning Romilly took 10 points to Cyfarthfa Castle's four points.

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The Barry Town Fans United team line up before the game!

Spoils are shared in supporters' encounter

THE summer spoils were shared in Saturday's 'Supporters' World Cup' match at Penybont FC, as Barry Town Fans United and Port Talbot Town Ultras contested an entertaining 2-2 draw.

At the tail end of an even first half, Ryan Lowe opened the scoring for Port Talbot from close range, only for Barry's Alex Davies to equalise shortly thereafter with a low strike from the edge of the box.

With honours even at the break, Port Talbot took charge once more in the second period, as

Charlie Jones responded well to a rebound off the crossbar to restore his side's advantage.

However, Barry were not to be outdone and would restore parity from the penalty spot, as Nic Latham fired into the bottom corner beyond goalkeeper Anthony Tippett.

The Barrians may have won the match in its closing stages, were it not for Tippett making a fine near-post save to deny his seaside counterparts.

As it was though, the trophy was suitably shared. Special thanks to Barry kitman Matthew Case and all others who helped make the event a successful and enjoyable occasion.

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The Barry Town Fans United players get their hands on the World Cup trophy!

YOUNG SPORTS COACHES TAKE THEIR FIRST STEPS



OVER the last academic year, nearly 450 volunteer hours have been clocked up by people taking the Vale Council's 'Coaches of the Future' scheme.

The Coaches of the Future scheme is designed to give young people in the Vale the opportunity to undertake and develop an involvement in coaching and sports leadership.

The programme aims to provide an introduction to coaching and volunteering by providing training and hands-on experience of coaching in schools and the community.

Coun Gwyn John, cabinet member for leisure, said: "This is an extremely exciting new initiative

which will provide an invaluable insight into sports coaching. The impact that a coach can have on a young person is huge, helping to shape them not only as sportsmen and women, but as people too."

Rugby for under-11s

PORThCAWL under-11s begin pre-season training on July 8 at 6pm at South Road, Porthcawl.

Coaches are all WRU qualified; if your child would like to join this friendly team, no matter his or her ability, contact Porthcawl RFC on 01656 784242 or visit www.porthcawlrfc.com for further contact details.

Barry charity wants to get people out on the water

From left to right: Alun Cairns MP, Commodore Martin Westwood RN Rtd - Associated British Ports; Chris Basten, chairman Ocean Watersports Trust, Jane Huft, Welsh Government Minister for Finance; Heather Stephens, High Sheriff of Glamorgan; Fred Johnson, Mayor of the Vale of Glamorgan Council, and Emma Pritchard, Mayor of Barry; Steve Evans, Area Commissioner for Scouts.



ON Saturday, June 20, over 100 invited guests attended the official opening of the Barry Community Water Activities Centre on the Mole in Barry No 1 Dock.

The event marked the completion of the first part of a project which will ultimately provide an iconic, user-friendly building for use by everyone in the local community.

Work so far has seen the construction of a slipway into the dock, a car park, provision of pontoons, and temporary changing rooms and classroom at a cost of nearly £200,000.

The facility has been established by the Ocean Watersports Trust, a charity with the sole purpose of offering opportunities for everyone to be active on or

near the water.

In his opening address, trust chairman Chris Basten said: "Today we can see the culmination of the hard work put in by all our volunteers over the last two years."

"We are particularly grateful to Associated British Ports for access to the water and use of the Mole, and to Grab It Plant Hire, who did a first class job on the construction of the new slipway."

The address was followed by a ceremonial cutting of the ribbon across the slipway by Heather Stephens, the High Sheriff of Glamorgan.

During the opening ceremony, the dock was alive with members of various organisations practicing their water sports activities, including a demonstration of

sprint kayaking from members of Seren Dwr, canoeing and sailing by Barry Sea Scouts, stand-up paddling by members of Barry Windsurfing and Paddling, and rowing by Penarth Sea Cadets.

Barry District Scouts provided safety boats and offered VIP excursions around Barry No 1 Dock.

Philip Walters, secretary for the Ocean Watersports Trust, commented: "It's great to see all of these young people able to get onto the water at last. This event has demonstrated what is possible. We look forward to fulfilling our ambition to create a dedicated water activities centre with top class facilities."

Anyone wishing to use the activities centre can contact the Trust or phone 07855 463293.

Mixed weekend for Athletic teams

RIGHT: Barry Athletic junior section pictured having been the guard of honour for Glamorgan's T20 Blast game against Sussex at the SWALEC Stadium.



ON Saturday Barry Athletic travelled to table toppers Pontymist and captain Gee won the toss and asked the home side to bat on a bowlers' wicket.

They soon reduced the home side to 19 for 3 in the seventh over after Hellyar had Ashram caught by Usswald for 12; Gee bowled Ali for 2 and had Asif LBW for 2, moving the score onto 32 before Hellyar bowled Adnan for 13.

There was then a partnership of 50 before Salman was brilliantly run out by wicket keeper Baker for 21; with 100 on the board the sixth wicket fell when Goodway picked up the first of his three wickets when he had Z. Ali caught at slip again by Usswald. Goodway then picked up the wicket of Malik, caught by Gee for 36 with the score 117 for 7. Two wickets then fell with 131 on the board - first to go was Armani caught on the fence by Rhett Jones for 4; the next over Griffett had Salbin LBW for 13.

Billy Usswald then picked up the last wicket when he had Uzair caught by Mike Provis for 19 and Pontymist were all out in the 37th over for 166.

Barry's reply got off to the worst possible start when after three balls they lost the wicket of Brock with only one on the board. At 36 they lost the wicket of Jones for 12, but there was then a 46 run partnership between Goodway and Baker before Baker became the third man out for a fluent 30 with the score 82.

They soon lost Provis for 0, Murphy for 0 and Goodway for 30, losing four wickets for six runs, being reduced to 88 for 6.

At 125 Barry lost the wickets of Taylor-Moore for 11 and Griffett for 22; at 129 they lost the wicket of Gee for 1 and the last wicket to fall was that of Hellyar for 5, Barry bowled out for 140 and a 26 run loss.

At the Island Barry 2nd XI entertained Pontymist 2nd XI and batted first and scored a massive 294 for 3, the fifth time this season they have scored 240 plus through Jophin Reji (105), Lee Morgan (72 not out, now averaging 284 in the league so far this season), Hugh Smith (35) and Aaron Malpas (32 not out).

In reply Pontymist got 143 for 5 with Turner getting 53 and G.Price 33. Young Kerion Ferriday (2 for 35) and Martin Baker (2 for 26) had the best bowling figures as Pontymist ended on 143 for 5 and a Barry win by 151 runs, a fifth straight win for the table-topping Stags.

On Saturday Barry Athletic junior section had the honour of being guard of honour for Glamorgan's T20 Blast game against Sussex at the SWALEC Stadium.

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Open rugby day highlights the options for girls

DEAN Ronan, WRU school club hub officer, for Pencoed Comprehensive School, Kyle Taylor (hub officer at Bryntirion) and Ben Thomas (hub officer at Brynteg) held a girls rugby event at Pencoed Comprehensive School recently.

The event was designed with the view to help increase the transition of girls playing school rugby into club rugby with Pencoed Phoenix. Pencoed Phoenix will now be running under-15 and under-18 teams and a senior team next season, so it was a great

opportunity to get girls playing club rugby.

Girls from year 8, year 9 and year 10 attended, over 300 girls! The event consisted of an option to play contact or touch rugby while giving the girls an opportunity to get to know girls from different schools.

There was also surprise visit by Scott Baldwin, who took a questions and answers forum as well as posing for photos.

Anyone interested in joining Pencoed Phoenix at any level please contact Pencoed RFC on 01656860152.

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Rugby fever hits Porthcawl!



ABOVE: Nottage Primary School pictured with their flag, and BELOW: Action from the day.

PUPILS from three primary schools in Porthcawl kicked off their Rugby World Cup preparation with a Whitsun World Cup Rugby Festival organised by the Parish of Newton, Nottage, Porthcawl.

Newton Primary, Nottage Primary and West Park Primary each fielded two teams of Year 4 pupils for a tag rugby tournament at Porthcawl Rugby Club.

The festival was the brainchild of Father Craig Vaughan of the Parish of Newton, Nottage, Porthcawl and was supported by David McNally of Sports Xtra and Porthcawl Rugby Club.

Each of the schools was allocated two countries and pupils looked at the culture, traditions, religions, geography and sports of each country, as well as found out about that country's rugby-playing history.

Father Craig explained: "Whitsun is the festival of the Holy Spirit for the Christian Church when we celebrate the spreading of the Gospel within the community and to many different nations. This was an ideal way to demonstrate the Whitsun spirit of unity and working together."

The event took place at Porthcawl Rugby

Club and pupils from Porthcawl Comprehensive School refereed the games as part of their sports studies. There were also guest appearances from some of the greats in the world of rugby, including Sir Gareth Edwards, Tommy David, Steve Fenwick, Clive Williams and Ryan Bevington.

Wales and Ospreys player Ryan Bevington, who played in the 2011 Rugby World Cup, and went to school in Porthcawl, said: "It's great to have this festival in Porthcawl RFC and see the local schools having a great day out in the sun."

Richard Dennis of West Park Primary summed up the event: "The festival was well run, great fun and all inclusive, giving the girls and those with no rugby skills the chance to participate. Everyone had a smile on their face."

Father Craig said: "It was an inspiring day and each of the schools won a signed 2015 Rugby World Cup ball. The festival helped to further links between the parish, the schools and Dilys Bowser. Winners on handicap Janice Watts and Stuart Davies.

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BRIDGEND BRIDGE CLUB RESULTS

THE results for recent events are:

Wednesday, June 17: 1st Laura Woodruff and Mike Close, 2nd Marjorie Morris and Bill Turner, 3rd David and Norma Newman. Winners on handicap David and Norma Newman.

Thursday, June 18: 1st Janice Watts and Stuart Davies, 2nd David Newman and Arthur Harvey, 3rd Colin Lewis and Dilys Bowser. Winners on handicap Janice Watts and Stuart Davies.

Friday, June 19: 1st Irene Thomas and Jenny Vaughan, 2nd Steve Burgoyne and Bill Turner, 3rd Alan Grant and Dennis Smith. Winners on

handicap Alan Grant and Dennis Smith.

Regular club nights take place on Wednesday and Friday evenings at Nolton Church Hall. Play is scheduled to commence at 7pm so it helps if players arrive at least 10 minutes early.

On Thursday afternoons at 2pm, also at Nolton Church Hall, there is a gentle duplicate session. Master points are now awarded but it remains a relaxed occasion where players enjoy their bridge.

Further information can be obtained by calling Steve Burgoyne on 01656 661968, John Evans on 01656 880372 or David Newman on 01656 649138.

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